

The **UNIVERSAL** DECLARATION OF **HUMAN RIGHTS**



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Dignity and justice for all of us

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Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



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- Human rights are also there to ensure we **develop to our fullest potential**.
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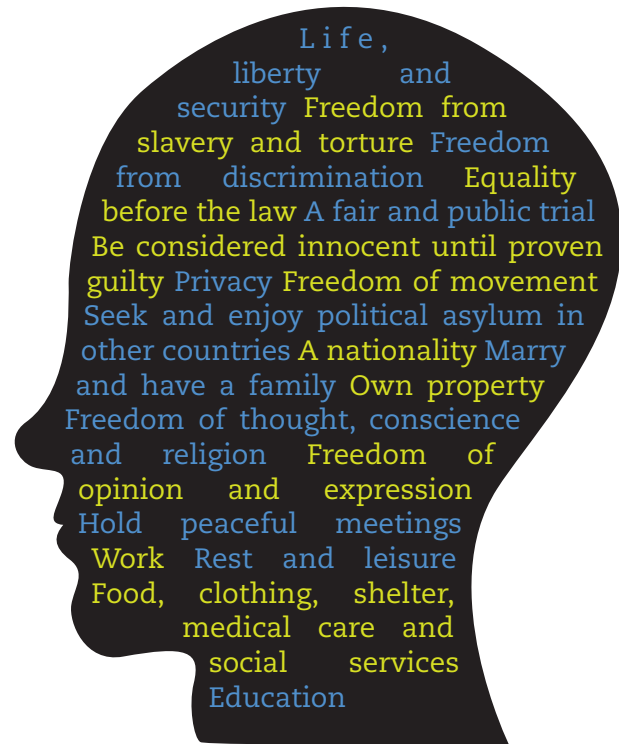
- The United Nations is an **international organisation** that was **established in 1945**, the year the Second World War ended.
- Its founders hoped it would be able to **prevent catastrophes like the Holocaust** from happening in the future.
- So **promoting human rights** became an aim of the UN, along with **maintaining international peace** and **reducing poverty**.



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The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is the **most famous human rights agreement in the world.**

According to the UDHR, you have the right to:



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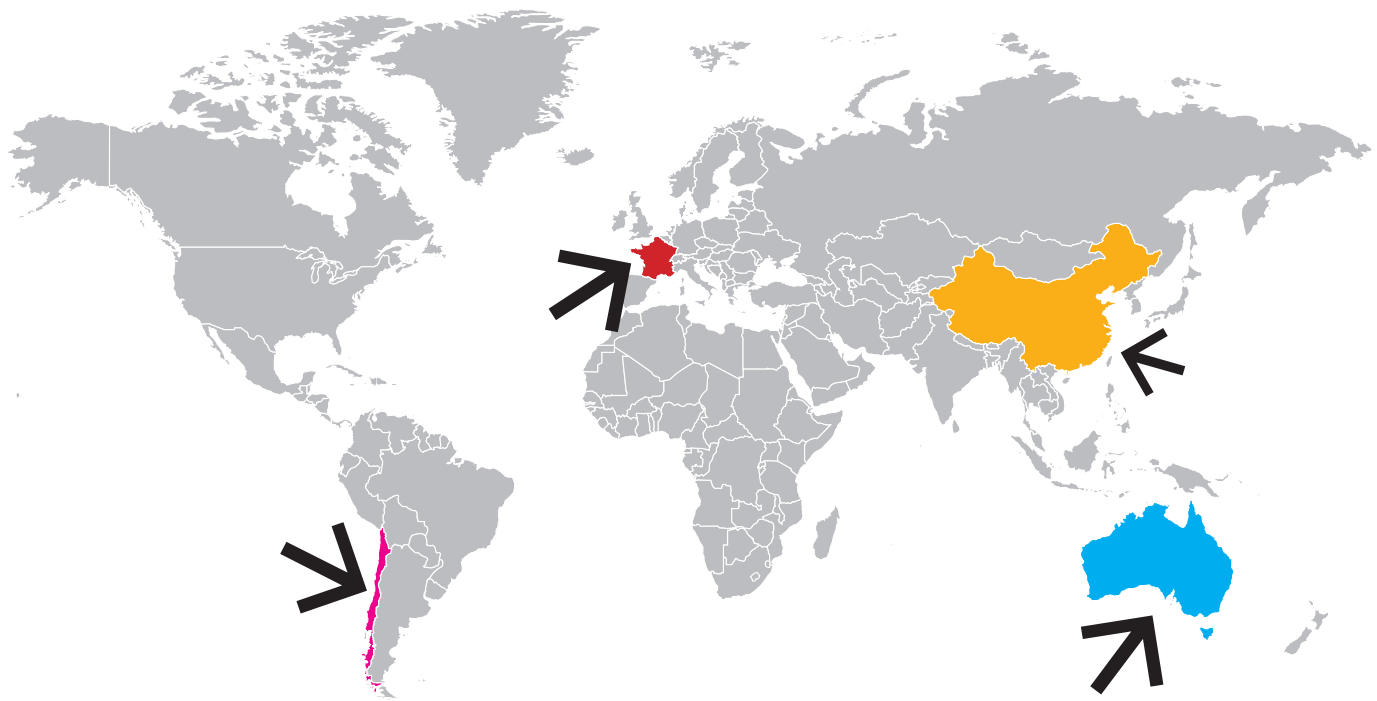
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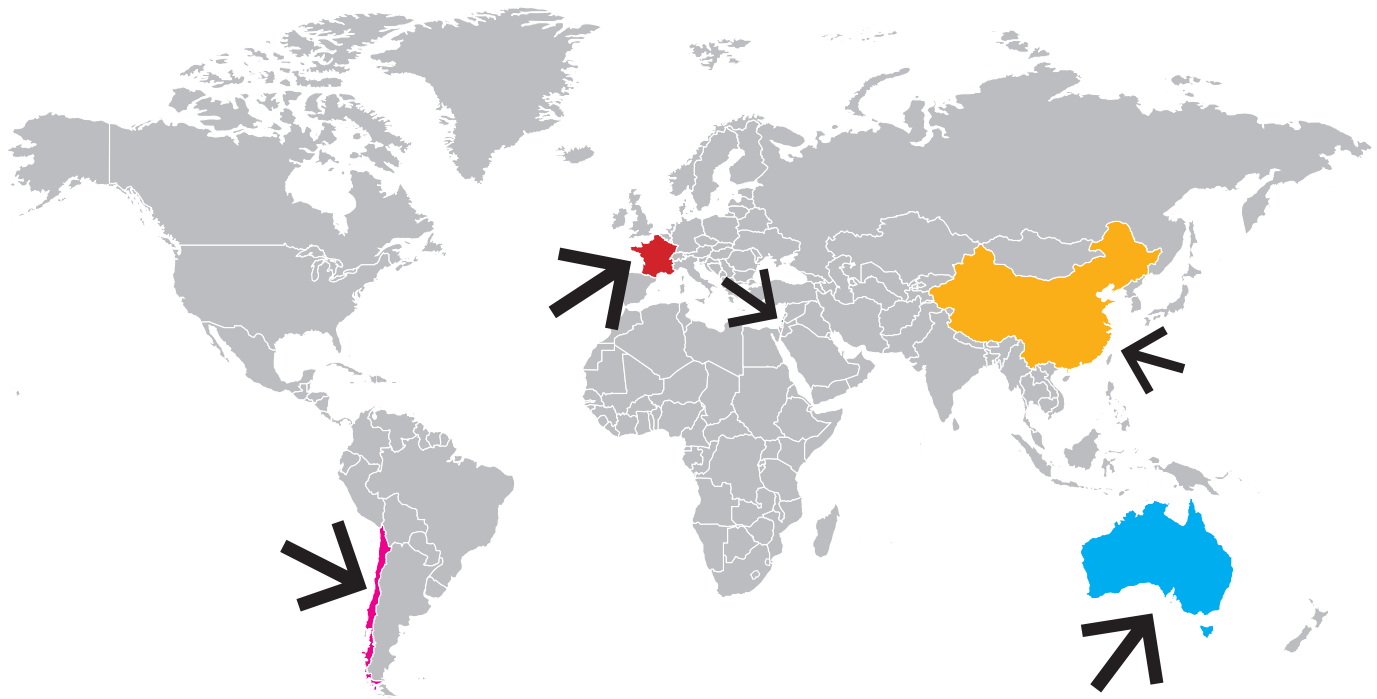
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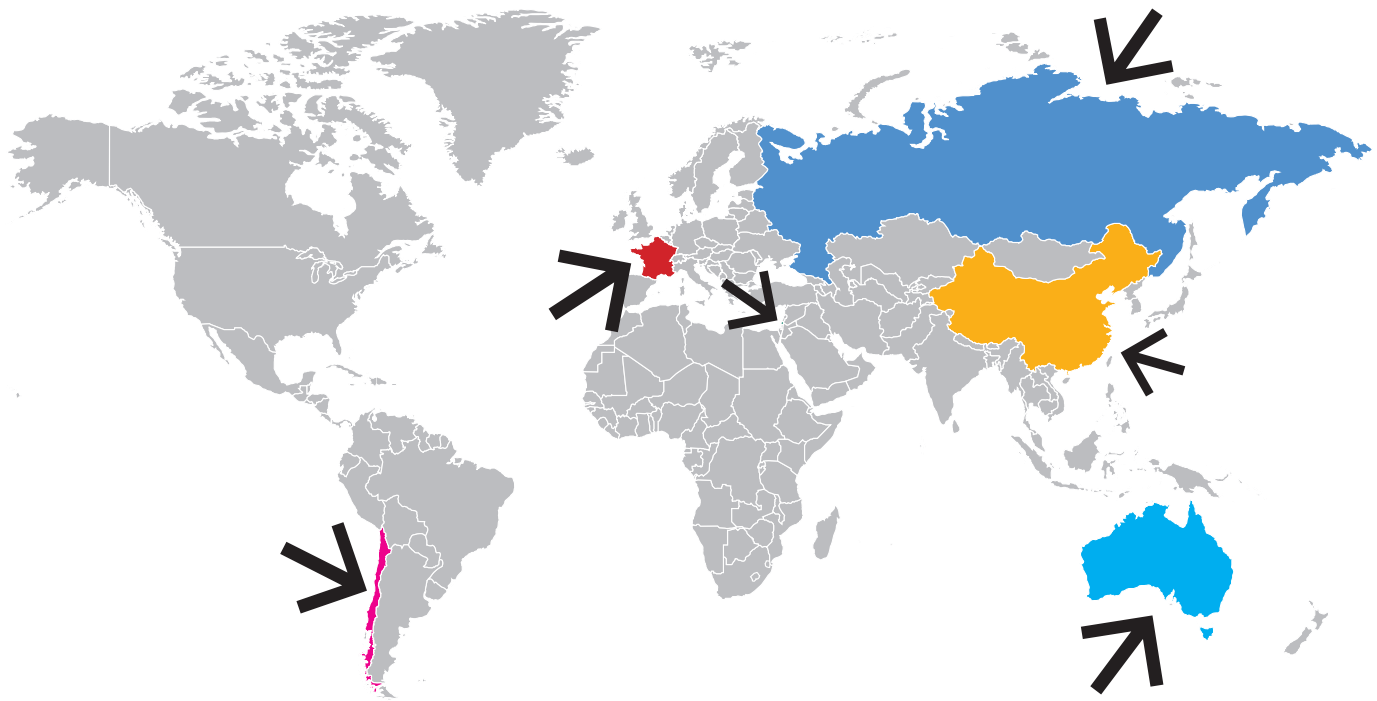
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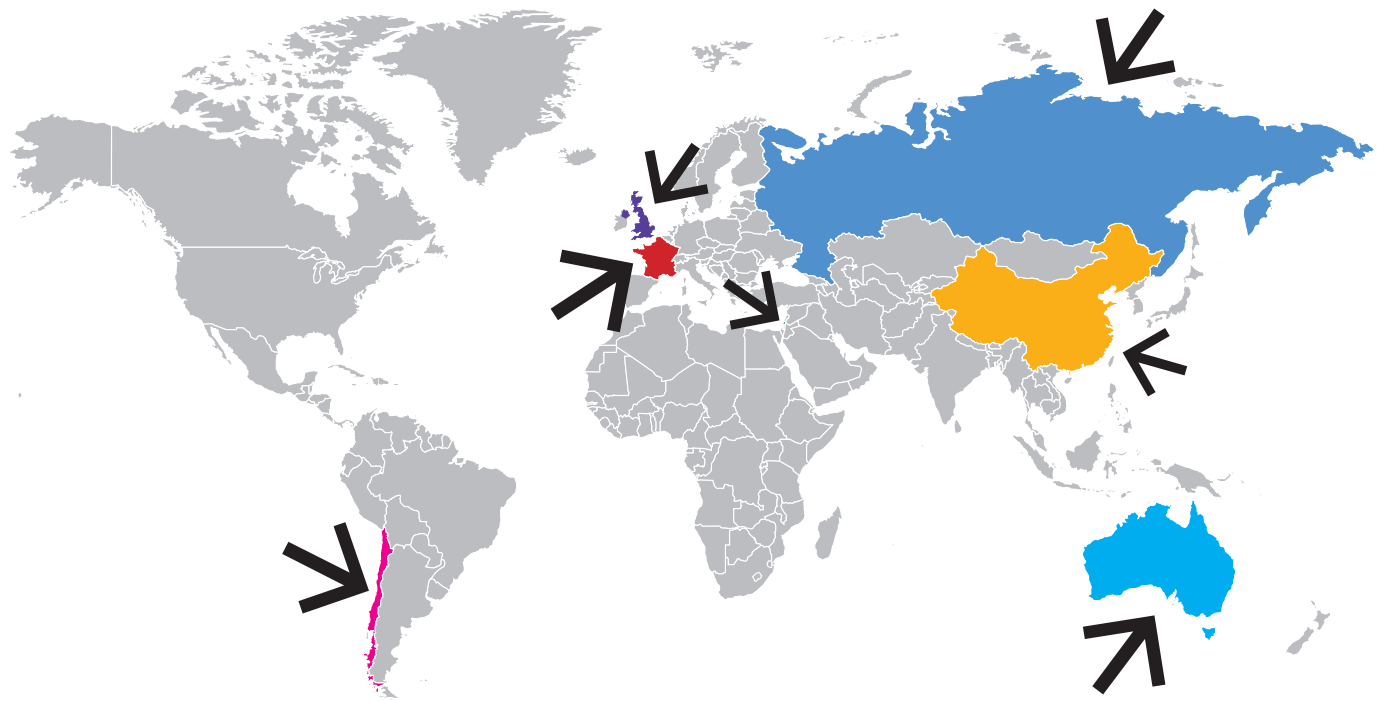
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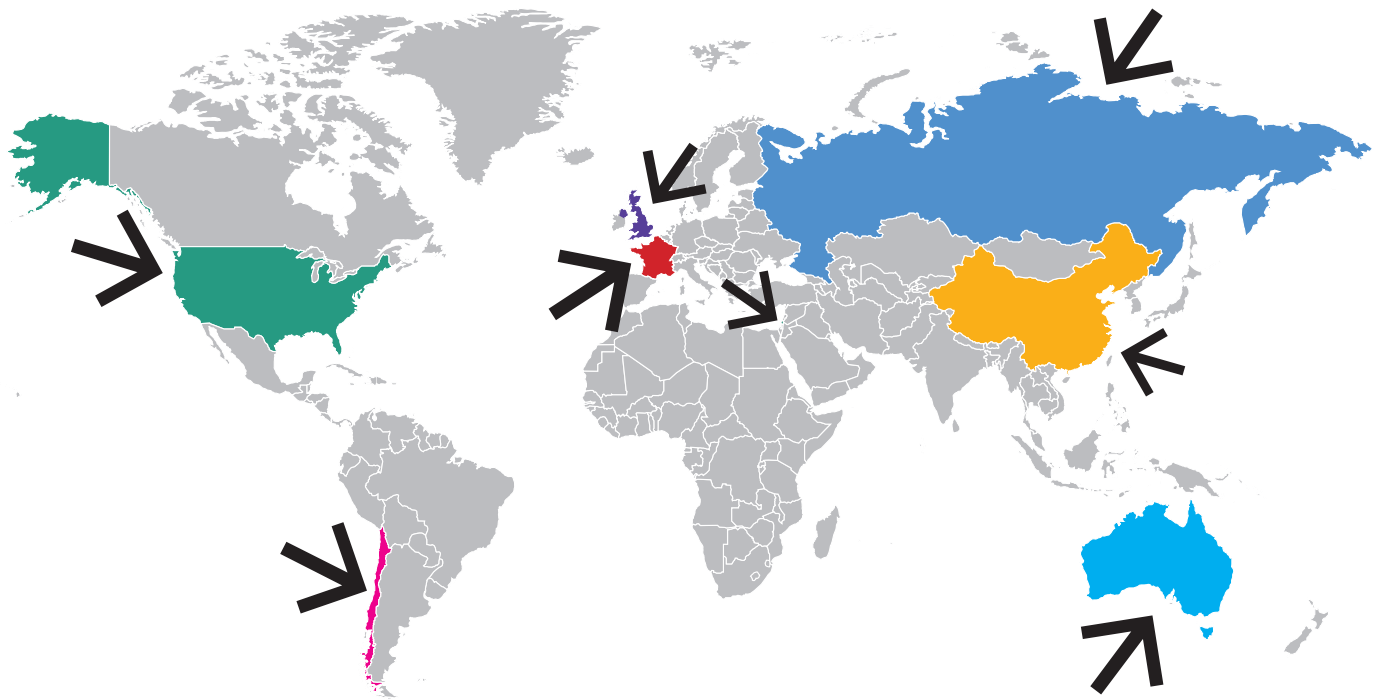
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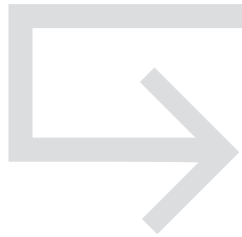
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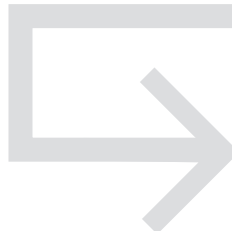
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**NATIONAL LAW &
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Why **SHOULD I CARE?**



The following story is just one example of a child in the UK whose rights have been abused.

Robert is 11. He has been in a wheelchair for two years following a car accident. He attends his local school and has many friends but feels left out because he can rarely hang out with them after school. Many local facilities do not cater for children in wheelchairs. Robert is a great swimmer, but he hardly ever gets to swim because no pool near his home or school has the right facilities.



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