

OUTLOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL NORM COMPLIANCE*

Norms with the strongest compliance globally

Description:

Broadly accepted by states; violations widely condemned

- International criminal accountability for mass atrocities
- Prohibition of genocide
- Prohibition of torture
- Right of self-defense
- Prohibition against child soldiers
- Space traffic management and satellite deorbiting

Norms where compliance is likely to vary widely by countries or regions

Description:

Disparate acceptance across different regions

- Freedom of navigation
- National sovereignty
- Intellectual property rights
- Digital privacy
- LGBTQ protections
- Environmental protections
- Conduct in armed conflicts
- Prohibition of military coups
- Child marriage

Norms at highest risk of weakening compliance globally in the next decade

Description:

Contravened by at least one major power; stalled or curtailed implementation

- Arms control and nonproliferation
- Civil and political human rights
- Responsibility to protect
- Refugee rights
- Women's rights and reproductive rights
- Open commerce
- Democratic governance

Norms in early development

Description:

Not formally codified or widely agreed; future agreement unclear

- Biotechnology
- Artificial intelligence
- Cyber security and conflict
- Arctic access and resource extraction
- Lethal autonomous weapons

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