

Considerations for review of civil registration legislation as part of the CRVS legal framework in South Asia

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Civil Registration legislation tends to be:

- ▶ **Continuously Contradictory**
- ▶ **Permanently Poorly-Written**
- ▶ **Compulsively Complicated**
- ▶ **Universally Unclear**

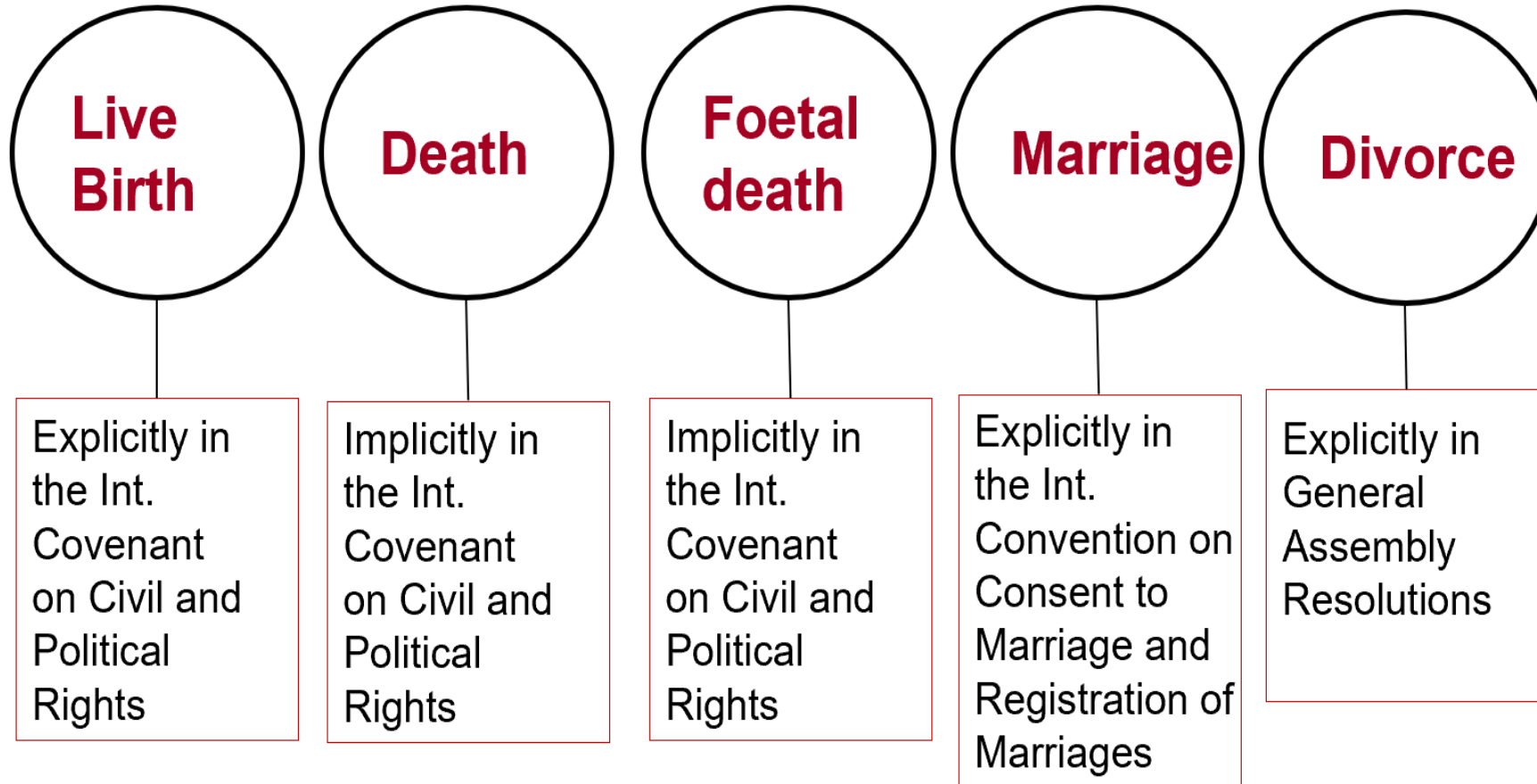
Context of Civil Registration in South Asia

- ▶ The place of Civil registration in the hierarchy of national legislation
- ▶ Principles of Civil registration principles
- ▶ International Agreements
- ▶ Link between Civil Registration and Civil Identification
- ▶ Current civil registration legislation in South Asia

Hierarchy of legislation

- **The Constitution** - The highest-ranking law is generally the country's founding charter or political constitution.
- **Legislation** - National legislation (statutes or acts) refer *to specific laws that regulate the behavior of the people, government institutions, or other organizations.*
- **International conventions** - An international convention or treaty
- **Regulations** - Regulations (decrees, directives, or orders) provide additional details on the legislation.
- **Standard operating procedures** - provide more detailed guidelines on operationalizing the laws and regulations.

International Agreements and vital events

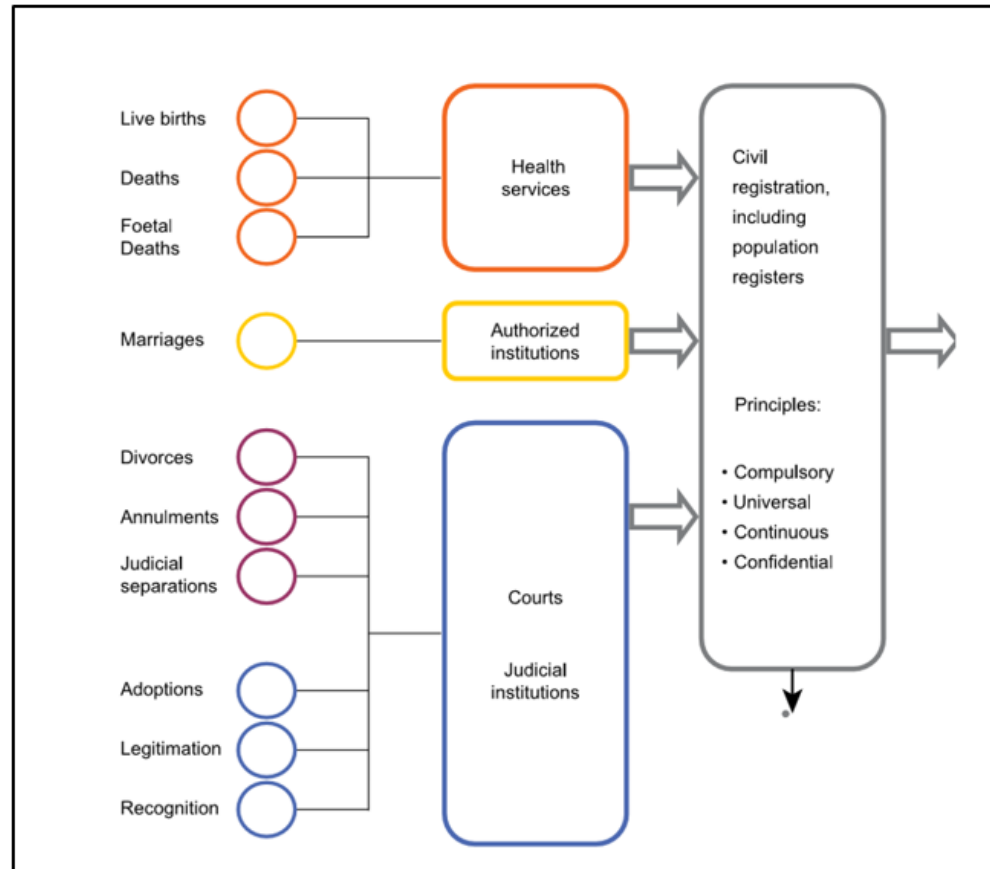


Current CR legislation in South Asia

- ▶ Dated: old legislation that suggests that CR operating is not reflecting current practice
- ▶ Fragmented: legal framework for vital events is reflected in different laws
- ▶ Incomplete: data protection, IT, CR as foundational register and the link with vital statistics is not reflected

Considerations for review of CR legislation

- ▶ Limitation of current CR legislation: consider to replace by one single CR law



Civil Registration Law

- ▶ General Provisions and administrative infrastructure
- ▶ Civil Registration
- ▶ Population Register
- ▶ Link to Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems
- ▶ Data Protection, privacy and security
- ▶ Compliance, enforcement, rights and remedies
- ▶ Transitional Provisions

More in-depth analysis required with aim:

Civil Registration legislation will be:

- ▶ **Continuously Harmonized**
- ▶ **Permanently Well-Written**
- ▶ **Compulsively Uncomplicated**
- ▶ **Universally Clear**