Respect Scottish Sovereignty

Extract from the UK legislation setting up the devolved Scottish Government

Scotland Act 1998. C.46 p75

SCH.5

Foreign affairs etc.

7.---(1) International relations, including relations with territories outside the United Kingdom, the European Union ~~Communities~~ (and their institutions) and other international organisations, regulation of international trade, and international development assistance and co-operation are reserved matters.

(2) **Sub-paragraph (1) does not reserve** ---

(a) **observing and implementing** international obligations, **obligations under the Human Rights Convention and obligations under** EU ~~Community~~ law.

(b) assisting Ministers of the Crown in relation to any matter to which that sub-paragraph applies.

Extract from the

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS as agreed by the UK Government

The States Parties to the present Covenant,

Considering that, in accordance with the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, **recognition of** the inherent dignity and of **the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family** is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Recognising that these rights derive from the inherent dignity of the human person,

Recognizing that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ideal of free human beings enjoying civil and political freedom and freedom from fear and want can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy his civil and political rights, as well as his economic and cultural rights,

Agree upon the following articles:

PART 1 Article 1

1. **All peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status** and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.
2. All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.
3. 3. **The States Parties to the present Covenant, including those having responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, shall promote the realisation of the right of self-determination, and shall respect that right**, in conformity with the provision of the Charter of the United Nations.