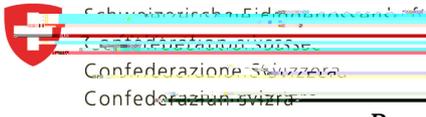


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Non-legally binding instruments (e.g. Soft Law, informal agreements) are not a new phenomenon. They emerged as a trend in international legal governance since the end of the Second World War. In particular, Soft law has proliferated in recent years and is playing an increasing role on the international plane. In the context of rapid global changes and a decreasing consensus at the multilateral level, non-legally binding instruments that nevertheless contain some degree of normative character (such as for example informal agreements between states, legal acts adopted by conferences of States parties or certain resolutions of the



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