

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	15 Oct 1992	<p>CRC/C/KHM/CO/2 3 August 2011</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fKHM%2fCO%2f2&Lang=en</p> <p>II. Follow-up measures and progress achieved by the State party</p> <p>3. The Committee notes with appreciation the adoption of: (a) The Law on Inter-Country Adoption, in December 2009; ...</p> <p>4. The Committee also welcomes the ratification by the State Party of the following international human rights treaties: (a) The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, in July 2004; (b) The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, in May 2002; ... (d) The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, in April 2007;</p> <p>5. The Committee also welcomes the following institutional and policy measures: ... (c) The National Plan of Action for Orphans, Children Affected by HIV and Other Vulnerable Children (2008-2010); ...</p>

		<p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44, para. 6, of the Convention)</p> <p>Training</p> <p>22. While noting with appreciation the information on the training provided to certain categories of professionals working with and for children, the Committee is however concerned that such training remain insufficient and do not cover all professionals working with and for children and law enforcement authorities for whom awareness of the Convention remains limited.</p> <p>23. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen its efforts to undertake systematic quality education and training programmes on the principles and provisions of the Convention for all professional groups working for and with children, such as judges, lawyers, law enforcement officials, civil servants, personnel working in institutions and places of detention for children, teachers, health personnel, including psychologists, and social workers. The Committee encourages the State party to seek technical assistance from, inter alia, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and UNICEF.</p> <p>D. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 18, paras. 1-2, 9-11, 19-21, 25, 27, para. 4, and 39 of the Convention)</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>43. The Committee welcomes the focus on family-based care through the programme on services provision to poor families and the establishment of a National Committee on Family Counselling Policy. The Committee is however concerned at the high rate of children reporting lack of care, attention and warmth from their parents.</p>
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		<p>of their children in order to avoid placement in child welfare centres;</p> <p>(b) Develop comprehensive admission criteria and strategies to reduce the number of children living in care institutions, including through policies to strengthen and support families, and ensure that placement of children in institutions is only used as a last resort;</p> <p>(c) Implement mechanisms to reintegrate institutionalized children into their families;</p> <p>(d) Recruit additional child-care workers and ensure that they are adequately trained and remunerated to monitor family-type alternative care measures; and</p> <p>(e) Take into account the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex).</p> <p>Adoption</p> <p>47. The Committee welcomes the 2009 Law on Inter-Country Adoption and the establishment of an Inter-Country Child Adoption Authority. The Committee is however concerned that the regulations for implementing the laws have not yet been adopted and that illegal international adoptions still reportedly take place with the involvement of staff from State-run institutions, and no proper investigation is conducted into these allegations.</p> <p>48. The Committee also urges the State party to adopt without delay the <i>Prakas</i> to implement the Law on Inter-Country Adoption. The Committee also urges the State party to ensure strict transparency and follow-up controls with regard to international adoptions, and to prosecute those involved in illegal adoptions and sale of children for adoption purposes.</p> <p>Abuse and neglect</p> <p>49. The Committee expresses deep concern that domestic violence against women and children, including sexual violence remains an acute problem in the State party. While noting the adoption of the Law on the</p>
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		<p>as offenders, but rather address their situation in a manner that respects their rights and dignity; and</p> <p>(c) Launch independent investigations into the detention and abuse of children in Koh Romduol and Prey Speu centres and provide in its next periodic report comprehensive information about the outcome of those investigations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Report</p> <p>CRC/C/KHM/2-3 1 November 2010</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fKHM%2f2-3&Lang=en</p>
OPSC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/OPSC/KHM/CO/1	30 May 2002	<p>4 February 2015</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPSC%2fKHM%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>II. General observations</p> <p>Positive aspects</p> <p>4. The Committee notes with appreciation the State party's accession or ratification of:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption of 1993 in April 2007;</p> <p>...</p>

		<p>5. The Committee also welcomes the various measures taken by the State party in areas relevant to the implementation of the Optional Protocol, as well as regional initiatives, including:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) The Law on Inter-Country Adoption adopted in 2009;</p> <p>...</p> <p>V. Prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (art. 9, paras. 1 and 2)</p> <p>Measures adopted to prevent offences prohibited under the Protocol</p> <p>16. While noting that some measures have been taken in order to prevent offences under the Optional Protocol, including the establishment of village and commune safety policies, as well as the development of a sub decree and code of conduct on child protection and the establishment of a National Committee on Child Protection, the Committee deeply regrets that preventive measures regarding offences prohibited by the Optional Protocol remain inadequate and fragmentary. It is concerned about:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) The inadequate mechanisms in place to detect, identify and monitor children at particular risk of becoming victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol, especially children in street situations, migrant and unaccompanied children, as well as left-behind children when parents migrate to work;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(f) The lack of information provided by the State party on measures taken to protect children from unlawful adoptions, as well as delays in enacting sub decrees under the Law on Inter-Country Adoption;</p> <p>17. With reference to its previous concluding observations on child labour (CRC/C/KHM/CO/2-3, para. 68) and sexual exploitation and abuse (para. 72), the Committee recommends that the State party :</p> <p>(a) Adopt a comprehensive and targeted approach which addresses the relevant root causes and</p>
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CRC/C/OPAC/KHM/CO/1	16 July 2004	<p>4 February 2015</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPAC%2fKHM%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>IV. Prevention</p> <p>Age verification procedures</p> <p>14. While noting the State party's efforts conducted nationwide to ensure birth registration, the Committee remains concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The low level of birth registration, in particular in remote areas and villages and among children in street situations; (b) Impediments which prevent the effective implementation of the birth registration campaign, such as a 30 days time-limit to register a child after his/her birth, sanctions for late registration and the requirement of an address; <p>...</p> <p>15. The Committee calls on the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Continue and strengthen its efforts to ensure the birth registration of all children, including through mobile units, as a measure to prevent the recruitment of children, including children living in remote areas and villages and children in street situations, as recommended by the Committee in its previous Concluding Observations (CRC/C/KHM/CO/2-3, para. 37); (b) Remove all impediments with a view to facilitating universal access to birth registration procedures; <p>...</p>

		<p>VI. Protection, recovery and reintegration</p> <p>Measures adopted to protect the rights of child victims</p> <p>22. The Committee regrets the lack of information about mechanisms in place to identify children who may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad, particularly among asylum-seeking, refugee, migrant and unaccompanied children present within its jurisdiction.</p> <p>23. The Committee recommends that the State party put in place mechanisms and procedures to ensure the full protection of asylum-seeking, refugee, migrant and unaccompanied children under the State party’s jurisdiction, by identifying at an early stage children who may have been involved in armed conflict and ensuring that personnel responsible for such identification are trained on children’s rights, child protection and child-friendly interviewing skills. The Committee further recommends that the State party ensure that such children are provided with adequate assistance for their physical and psychological recovery and their social reintegration.</p>
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Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review