

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	11 Jan 1993	<p>CRC/C/CMR/CO/3-5</p> <p>6 July 2017</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fCMR%2fCO%2f3-5&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Non-discrimination</p> <p>14. The Committee welcomes the adoption of article 242 of the amended Penal Code prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, sex or health status. It is concerned, however, about the persistent discrimination against children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations, including girls, children born out of wedlock, children with disabilities, children with HIV/AIDS, children with albinism, indigenous children, children in street situations, children suspected of association with Boko Haram, refugee, asylum-seeking and internally displaced children, and the lack of an overall strategy to combat such discrimination. The Committee is deeply concerned about the State party's rejection during the dialogue of the identity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children and the stigmatization and discrimination experienced by such children.</p> <p>15. The Committee, reiterating its previous recommendation (see CRC/C/CMR/CO/2, para. 28), urges the State party to:</p> <p>(a) Adopt and implement comprehensive legislation, accompanied by a global strategy, to protect all children against discrimination, especially girls, children born out of wedlock, children with disabilities, children with HIV/AIDS, children with albinism, indigenous children, children in street situations, children suspected of association with Boko Haram, refugee, asylum-seeking and internally displaced children;</p>

		<p>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>24. In view of the prevalence of corporal punishment within the family and the fact that violent discipline practices, despite being illegal, remain widespread in schools, the Committee, with reference to its general comment No. 8 (2006) on the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment, reiterates its previous recommendation (see CRC/C/CMR/CO/2, para. 38) and urges the State Party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Explicitly prohibit corporal punishment in law in all settings, including in the home and institutions;(b) Ensure that all cases of corporal punishment of children are investigated and perpetrators are prosecuted;(c) Introduce sustained public education, awareness-raising and social mobilization programmes, involving children, families, communities and their leaders, on the physically and psychologically harmful effects of corporal punishment, with a view to changing the general attitude towards this practice and promoting positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child-rearing and discipline as an alternative to corporal punishment. <p>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>30. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendations (see CRC/C/CMR/CO/2, paras. 42 and 44) and further recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Finalize and adequately resource the national policy on social protection to ensure its implementation to guarantee families living in poverty the material and financial assistance necessary to provide children with a suitable family environment;
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		<p>(b) Raise awareness of the adoption procedures and regulations and promote and encourage domestic adoption;</p> <p>(c) Establish clear regulations concerning intercountry adoptions and consider ratifying the Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption.</p> <p>G. Disability, basic health and welfare (arts. 6, 18 (3), 23, 24, 26, 27 (1)-(3) and 33)</p> <p>Children with disabilities</p> <p>33. With reference to its general comment No. 9 (2006) on the rights of children with disabilities, the Committee urges the State party to adopt a human rights-based approach to disability and specifically recommends that it:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Immediately release any children institutionalized on the basis of their disability and ensure they receive community-based support;</p> <p>I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 (b)-(d) and 38-40)</p> <p>Asylum-seeking and refugee children</p> <p>40. While noting that conflict and instability in neighbouring countries have resulted in, collectively, over a half a million refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons arriving in Cameroon, mostly residing in the East, North, Far North and Adamaoua regions, the Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (see CRC/C/CMR/CO/2, para. 68) and further recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(c) Develop comprehensive referral and case management frameworks for services to refugee and asylum-seeking children, particularly in the fields of physical and mental health services, education and the police and justice sectors, including the provision of free legal aid, particularly for unaccompanied and separated children;</p> <p>(d) Prevent the arbitrary detention of refugee and internally displaced children;</p> <p>Children in street situations</p>
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		<p>(c) Expeditiously establishing specialized juvenile court facilities and procedures with adequate human, technical and financial resources, presided over by designated specialized judges; ...</p> <p>(e) Promoting measures for dealing with children accused of having infringed the penal law without resorting to judicial proceedings, such as diversion, probation, mediation, counselling or community service, and wherever possible, using alternative measures at sentencing, ensuring that detention is used as a last resort and for the shortest possible period of time and that it is reviewed on a regular basis with a view to ending it;</p> <p>(f) In cases where detention is unavoidable, ensuring that children are systematically separated from adults and that detention conditions are compliant with international standards, including access to education and health services.</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