

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
<p>CRC/C/TUV/CO/1</p> <p>Concluding observations on the initial report of Tuvalu, adopted by the Committee at its sixty-fourth session (16 September–4 October 2013)</p>	<p>22 September 1995 (accession)</p>	<p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx</p> <p>F. 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>42. The Committee, noting that the extended family system in the State party provides protection and care to children whose parents cannot take care of, recommends that the State party give support to the members of the extended family, including information on the best forms of child rearing practices, social support and material resources, in order to provide safeguards to children separated from their parents.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>43. The Committee is concerned that no formal procedures exist, which govern the separation of a child from the extended family care in situations of abuse by family members. Children do not have access to alternative forms of protective care such as institutional or foster care.</p> <p>44. The Committee recommends that State party take necessary steps to adopt legislation and mechanisms to monitor and protect children who are placed in the care of family members as their parents cannot do so; and establish appropriate forms</p>

	<p>of alternative care taking into account of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children annexed to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/142 of 20 December 2009.</p> <p>Adoption and custody</p> <p>45. The Committee is concerned that the Native Lands Act permits the annulment of an adoption based on a child’s behaviour, does not consider the best interests of the child and gives preference to paternal custody. It is also concerned that adoption occurs privately within the family, and that there is no monitoring mechanism to follow up adoptions.</p> <p>46. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Revise the annulment of adoption provisions of the Native Lands Act to uphold the best interests of the child;</p> <p>(b) Conduct a study on the nature and extent of the practice of customary adoptions by family members;</p> <p>(c) Amend relevant domestic laws to protect the rights of the child in adoption proceedings and bring adoption proceedings in full compliance with the principles and provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 21;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that avenues are provided to children for redress in case of abuse and/or neglect in the context of adoption and care by adoptive parents, including the extended family; and</p> <p>(e) Ratify the 1993 Hague Convention No. 33 on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption and review inter-family adoption</p>
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		procedures to conform to the Convention.
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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