

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	10 July 1990	<p>CRC/C/SLV/CO/5-6</p> <p>11 October 2018</p> <p><a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLV%2fCO%2f5-6&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLV%2fCO%2f5-6&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Corporal punishment</b></p> <p>25. The Committee is deeply concerned that corporal punishment of children is still lawful and culturally justified, and that the multiple indicator cluster survey for 2014 showed that forty per cent of children suffered corporal punishment at home. With reference to its general comment No. 8 (2006) on corporal punishment and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/SLV/CO/3-4, para. 55), the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Promptly adopt a law prohibiting corporal punishment in all settings;</li> <li>(b) Review article 215 of the Family Code, article 204 of the Criminal Code, and article 38 of the Law for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents to criminalize corporal punishment without exceptions;</li> <li>(c) Take measures to promote positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child-rearing and discipline.</li> </ul> <p><b>Abuse and neglect</b></p>

		<p>26. Noting with concern the 45,925 cases of abuse and neglect affecting 52,065 children reported to the protection boards between 2012 and 2015, the 13,011 cases, involving 15,389 children reported to the National Council for Children and Adolescents in 2016; and the lack of information on the follow-up to these cases, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Establish a national database on all cases of abuse and neglect against children, and undertake a comprehensive assessment of the extent, causes and nature of such violence; and</li><li>(b) Promptly investigate cases of child abuse and neglect and sanction perpetrators; and</li><li>(c) Strengthen awareness-raising and education programmes, with the involvement of children, to formulate a comprehensive strategy for preventing and combating child abuse at the family and community level.</li></ul> <p><b>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (4))</b></p> <p><b>Family environment</b></p> <p>30. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Strengthen its efforts to develop and implement comprehensive family services and support programmes such as parental training, family counselling, home visits and family recreation programmes in every community; and promote the equal sharing of responsibility for their children by mothers and fathers;</li><li>(b) Strengthen the network for child care, protection boards and local committees for the rights of children and adolescents with a view to identifying early signs of abuse and take corrective measures promptly; and</li><li>(c) Provide social, psychological and/or financial support to families affected by migration to provide adequate assistance to children of migrant parents.</li></ul> <p><b>Children deprived of a family environment</b></p> <p>31. The Committee welcomes the decrease in the number of children placed in institutions but remains concerned about allegations of ill-treatment in the centres and the insufficient information on the</p>
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	17 May 2004	

OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	18 April 2002	
ICCPR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/SLV/CO/2-3	17 Dec 2007	<p>1 October 2019</p> <p><a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fSLV%2fCO%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fSLV%2fCO%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>B. Specific rights (arts. 5–30)</b></p> <p><b>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</b></p> <p>14. The Committee is concerned that children with disabilities are institutionalized on the basis of impairment, and that the State party continues to invest in residential institutions, without taking measures</p>

		<p>to ensure deinstitutionalization or investing in programmes for independent living in the community. It is also concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) At the lack of information and disaggregated data on the number of children with disabilities living in rural and indigenous communities and on measures taken to combat poverty in rural and urban areas;</li><li>(b) At the lack of measures taken by the State party to ensure that children with disabilities can express their views freely on all matters affecting them, and concerned that their views are given due weight in accordance with their evolving capacities, on an equal basis with other children, and also concerned at the lack of measures to closely consult with and actively involve organizations of persons with disabilities, including of children with disabilities;</li><li>(c) At the lack of transparency in legal proceedings concerning children with disabilities.</li></ul> <p><b>15. The Committee recommends that, in close consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of children with disabilities, the State party take immediate measures to deinstitutionalize children with disabilities living in residential centres, by developing and implementing comprehensive plans, with an adequate budget, for support services in the community, as well as social inclusion programmes. It also recommends that the State party:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>(a) Strengthen the collection of disaggregated data on the number of children with disabilities living in rural and indigenous communities, with a view to designing adequate public policies to combat marginalization and poverty among children with disabilities and their families;</b></li><li><b>(b) Ensure that all children with disabilities can express their views freely in all matters affecting them, and that their views are given due weight in accordance with their evolving capacities, on an equal basis with other children, and that it consult and actively involve organizations of children with disabilities;</b></li><li><b>(c) Take all measures necessary in order to ensure that legal proceedings are transparent and give effect to the principle of the best interests of the child in decisions concerning children with disabilities.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</b></p> <p>28. The Committee is concerned at:</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

ICCRP	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