

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/GRC/CO/2-3	11 May 1993	<p>13 August 2012</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fGRC%2fCO%2f2-3&Lang=en</p> <p>A. General measures of implementations (arts. 4, 42 and 44 para. 6, of the Convention)</p> <p>Training</p> <p>24. The Committee expresses its concern at the lack of training for professionals working for or with children, including social workers, law enforcement officials, healthcare personnel, professionals and staff working in all forms of alternative care, and the media.</p> <p>25. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure systematic, mandatory and ongoing training on child rights for all professionals working with and for children, in particular social workers, law enforcement officials, health-care personnel, professionals and staff working in all forms of alternative care, and the media.</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>40. The Committee notes with concern that due to the current economic hardship facing families, children may increasingly be deprived of their family environment, accentuating a tendency towards the</p>

		<p>institutionalization of children, which was already of concern to the Committee in the past.</p> <p>41. The Committee recommends that the State party put in place measures to prevent a worsening of the trend towards depriving children of their family environment, in particular with regard to improved understanding and knowledge of parental responsibilities, and to provide all forms of support to families to increase their parenting capacities, as well as to search for family-type alternatives when necessary.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>42. While noting the measures taken by the State party with regard to foster care, the Committee expresses its concern at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The still widespread use of institutionalization and the low rates of foster care in the State party;(b) The lack of data on institutions, as well as the lack of systematic monitoring of the situation of children in institutions or in foster care;(c) The lack of review of placement of children in institutions and the long period spent there; and(d) The shortage of staff and resources, which is worsening in the context of the current crisis. <p>43. Additionally, the Committee notes with concern that in the context of the current crisis an increasing number of children are removed from their families or are placed in institutions because the parents no longer have the means to support them.</p>
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		<p>party review its adoption legislation, in particular with regard to the practice of private adoption, to bring it into line with the Convention as well as with the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption.</p> <p>Violence against children, including abuse and neglect</p> <p>47. The Committee welcomes the establishment in 2011 of a network against violence in schools, of which the Ministry of Education is a founding member, for the prevention and treatment of violence and bullying in schools. While noting the adoption of Law No. 3500/2006 on domestic violence and other provisions, which protects women, children, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities, as well as of several legislative measures to protect children against abuse and neglect, the Committee is concerned at the general lack of information on all these phenomena, of reliable statistical data collected by the State party to evaluate and monitor the implementation of the legislation, and of information on sanctions imposed on the perpetrators, as well as at the lack of information with regard to the complaint mechanism for child victims. It is also concerned at the inadequacy of the staff and services dealing with child victims of abuse and neglect.</p> <p>48. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Strengthen mechanisms for monitoring the number of cases and the extent of violence, sexual abuse, neglect, maltreatment or exploitation, including within the family, in schools and in institutional and other care; (b) Ensure that professionals working with and for children (including teachers, social workers, medical professionals, members of the police and the judiciary) receive training on their obligation to report and take appropriate action in suspected cases of abuse, domestic violence and neglect affecting children; (c) Strengthen support for victims of violence, abuse, neglect and maltreatment in order to ensure
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		<p>that they are not victimized once again during legal proceedings; and</p> <p>(d) Provide access to adequate services for recovery, counselling and other forms of integration in all parts of the country.</p> <p>49. The Committee draws the State party's attention to general comment No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence and recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Provide information concerning the implementation by the State party of the recommendations of the above-mentioned study in its next periodic report, particularly those highlighted by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children, in particular:</p> <p>(i) The development of a national comprehensive strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence and ill-treatment against children;</p> <p>(ii) The introduction of an explicit national legal ban on all forms of violence against children in all settings; and</p> <p>(iii) The consolidation of a national system of data collection, analysis and dissemination, and a research agenda on violence and ill-treatment against children.</p>
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		<p>(c) Make every effort to provide programmes and services for children with disabilities with adequate human and financial resources and periodic monitoring of placement of children with disabilities, and to adopt, as a matter of priority, measures to ensure that no children with disabilities are placed under such inhumane conditions. Furthermore, placement in residential institutions should be the last resort, depending on the needs of the child; and</p> <p>...</p> <p>(f) Ensure that residential centres for children and persons with disabilities are adequately staffed and that training is provided for professional staff working with children with disabilities, such as teachers, social workers, and health, medical, therapeutic and care personnel.</p> <p>G. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 38, 39, 40, 37 (b)-(d), 32-36 of the Convention)</p> <p>Asylum-seeking and refugee children</p> <p>62. The Committee notes that, according to article 19 of Presidential Decree No. 220/2007, transposing the European Union directive on reception conditions, the Public Prosecutor for minors or, where not present, the competent First Instance Public Prosecutor, will act as a temporary guardian and will take all actions necessary for the appointment of a guardian for each asylum-seeking or refugee child, and that the State party's legislation (Presidential decree No. 114/2010 on the Greek Asylum Procedure) provides for the possibility of determining an individual's age, when it is disputed, through medical examinations. The Committee also notes the programme initiated by the State party in cooperation with Frontex, on screening and briefing, aimed at the determination of age and nationality of asylum-seeking and refugee children. However the Committee expresses its concern that the public prosecutors either are unable to assign the</p>
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		<p>guardianship to a responsible person or agency, or transfer the guardianship to directors of the reception centres for minors, and that the duties of the temporary guardian are vague and unclear.</p> <p>63. The Committee calls upon the State party to:</p> <p>(a) Introduce appropriate legislative amendments to the national legislation, to enable the establishment of a functional, substantial and effective guardianship system for unaccompanied and separated minors;</p> <p>64. While noting the efforts made by the State party since the consideration of the previous report in 2002, regarding the increase of reception facilities for unaccompanied and/or separated children, as well as the new Law No. 3928/2011 on the establishment of new initial reception centres, which is supposed to be fully operational in autumn 2012 and will provide screening and accommodation for migrant and unaccompanied children, the Committee reiterates its previous concern at the substandard conditions of reception of unaccompanied and/or separated children.</p> <p>65. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that children, either separated or together with their families, who enter the country in an irregular manner, are not detained, or remain in detention only in very exceptional circumstances and for the shortest period of time necessary;</p> <p>Children in street situations</p> <p>66. In the light of the Aghia Varvara case, where 502 out of 661 Albanian Roma children reportedly went missing following their placement during 1998–2001 in the Aghia Varvara children’s institution, the Committee expresses its serious concern that the State party did not develop an integrated approach to deal with children in street situations. It is particularly concerned at the limited availability and accessibility of social services for the protection and social reintegration of children in street situations, including the insufficient holding capacity of shelters.</p>
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OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICCPR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
E/1990/5/Add.56	16 May 1985	<p>23 October 2002</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2f1%2fAdd.97&Lang=en</p>
CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CEDAW/C/GRC/CO/6	7 Jun 1983	<p>2 February 2007</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2fC%2fGRC%2fCO%2f7&Lang=en</p> <p>Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>31. The Committee expresses concern about the lack of information on the situation of immigrant women</p>

		<p>who are unable to obtain birth certificates for their children.</p> <p>32. The Committee calls upon the State party to take measures in order to ensure that children of immigrant women are provided with birth certificates.</p>
CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/GRC/CO/1	31 May 2012	<p>19 September 2019</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fGRC%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5–30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>11. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Protracted deinstitutionalisation of children with disabilities; (b) The scarcity of available information on accessible mechanisms and concrete measures taken to ensure that children with disabilities enjoy their right to be heard and to have their views taken into account in all matters affecting them. <p>12. The Committee recommends that the State party, with primary consideration of the best interests of the child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ensure the expeditious deinstitutionalisation of children with disabilities, and take effective measures to guarantee their right to be cared for by their parents, extended family, safe foster or adoptive family; provide children with disabilities with quality early intervention, as well as

		<p>other health-care and educational services, equally available in all urban and rural areas, endowed with sufficient resources, and designed in close consultation with and the active involvement of children with disabilities and their parents, through their representative organisations;</p> <p>(b) Develop a comprehensive strategy and accessible services for the full and effective participation of children with disabilities in all decision-making processes affecting their lives, guaranteeing their right to have their views taken into account in all matters affecting them.</p> <p>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</p> <p>21. The Committee is concerned about discriminatory legal provisions, including in Law 2071/1992, and the corresponding practice of involuntary hospitalisation and deprivation of liberty of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, as highlighted in the report of the Greek Ombudsman of July 2019, as well as about the use of coercive methods, such as mechanical restraints, on persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>22. In line with its guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities (see A/72/55, annex I.), the Committee urges the State party to repeal all laws allowing for the involuntary deprivation of liberty on the basis of impairment, end the use of forced treatment, restraints and coercive methods, and provide effective remedies for persons with disabilities deprived of their liberty on the basis of impairment.</p> <p>23. The Committee further recommends the State party be guided by its obligations under article 14 of the Convention, and consequently oppose the adoption of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No 164) (Oviedo Convention) in its current form.</p> <p>Freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (art. 15)</p> <p>24. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <p>(a) Overcrowding and instances of unrecorded injuries of persons with disabilities in psychiatric</p>
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		<p>facilities, as well as the lack of information on legal safeguards and monitoring mechanisms in relation to care and treatment for persons with disabilities in facilities of any kind;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Reception and detention conditions of persons with disabilities who are refugees, asylum seekers, or persons in refugee-like situations (see CAT/C/GRC/CO/7, paras. 20 and 21), including detention conditions pending removal to the country of origin under Law 3907/2011.</p> <p>25. The Committee recommends that the State party take effective measures to ensure that living conditions of persons with disabilities in institutions and facilities of any kind, including living conditions in reception and detention centres for refugees, asylum seekers and persons in refugee-like situations respect the dignity of persons with disabilities and comply with the provisions of Article 15 of the Convention. It also recommends that the State party provide specific measures and individualized supports to prisoners and detainees with disabilities to meet their daily needs. It finally recommends that the State party reinforce and implement safeguards and monitoring mechanisms against ill-treatment in institutions and facilities where persons with disabilities are held, ensuring, inter alia, that injuries sustained by persons with disabilities in such institutions and facilities are systemically recorded and brought to the attention of the competent monitoring authorities.</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)</p> <p>26. The Committee is concerned about insufficient measures to detect, prevent and combat domestic violence against and sexual exploitation of persons with disabilities, in particular women and children with disabilities.</p> <p>27. The Committee recommends that the State party implement an effective framework to confront violence, particularly domestic violence and sexual exploitation, against persons with disabilities, especially women and children with disabilities. It further recommends that the State party provide specific training to law enforcement authorities, medical personnel and social workers on methods to detect and address violence against and sexual exploitation of persons with disabilities. The Committee also recommends that the State party develop an action plan to implement the Council of Europe</p>
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		<p>Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, with a special focus on women and children with disabilities.</p> <p>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)</p> <p>28. The Committee is concerned by:</p> <p>(a) The lack of information provided to the Committee about in-home, residential and other community support services, including personal assistance, and effective measures for the deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities, including for the support of independent living and inclusion in the community, in particular under the Supported Living Homes scheme. It is also concerned about the lack of disaggregated data on the number of persons with disabilities, in particular children with disabilities, still living in institutions;</p> <p>(b) The lack of information on legal and administrative as well as financial measures to ensure the equal right of persons with disabilities to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live.</p> <p>29. The Committee recommends the State party, in line with its general comment No. 5 (2017) on living independently and being included in the community:</p> <p>(a) Adopt a comprehensive national strategy with clear time-bound measures and the allocation of sufficient funds for effective deinstitutionalization at all levels;</p> <p>(b) Ensure the active involvement of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in the development of independent living strategies and schemes that provide accessible community-based services, especially at the local level.</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