

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/CRI/CO/4	21 Aug 1990	<p>CRC/C/CRI/CO/5-6 7 February 2020</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fCRI%2fCO%2f5-6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>5. The Committee reminds the State party of the indivisibility and interdependence of all the rights enshrined in the Convention and emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. The Committee would like to draw the State party’s attention to the recommendations concerning the following areas, in respect of which urgent measures must be taken: dissemination, awareness-raising and training (para. 15), non-discrimination (para. 17), right to life, survival and development (para. 20), violence against children, particularly abuse and neglect (para. 27), gender-based violence and sexual abuse (para. 29), and children deprived of a family environment (para. 33).</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Torture and other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment</p> <p>24. Recalling the Committee’s previous concluding observations (para. 44), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Adopt measures to improve infrastructure and conditions of detention in Zurquí and Ofelia Vicenzi juvenile centers, and take measures to ensure effective reintegration of children back into the community; (c) Ensure enforcement of legislation prohibiting corporal punishment, collective sanctions and isolation, and prevent practices of prohibition of family visits to children deprived of</p>

		<p>liberty; (d) Reinforce independent child-sensitive complaint mechanisms, as well as the availability of reparations and redress in cases of violence against children in detention centers;</p> <p>(e) Strengthen the monitoring and preventive mechanism of places of detention of children, ensuring periodicity of visits and safeguards to protect integrity of victims and witnesses of violence, taking into account the recommendations issued by the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture relating to the national preventive mechanism, during its visit to Costa Rica undertaken from 3 to 14 March 2019 (CAT/OP/CRI/RONPM/1).</p> <p>Violence, abuse, and neglect</p> <p>26. The Committee is deeply concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The prevalence of different forms of violence against children, such as psychological, physical and sexual violence, including through the Internet, and the limited coverage of early intervention centers to address the rights of children facing all forms of violence; (b) Harassment and bullying experienced by children in schools and the community, on the basis of their sex orientation or gender identity; (c) The absence of a comprehensive data collection system on violence against children and uneven criteria in existing monitoring systems; (d) The limited information about the type of reparations, including compensation for children victims of all forms of violence, including psychological violence. <p>27. With reference to its general comment No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence, and taking note of target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals on ending all forms of violence against children, the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Strengthen coordination among State party authorities to implement policies for the prevention of violence against children, and adopt indicators to monitor progress achieved in prevention of violence and in combating factors underpinning violence against children at home, in school and in society; (b) Revitalize and strengthen the Parenting Academy initiative concerning positive parenting and prevention of violence, and ensure that early intervention centers are locally accessible across all regions, and municipalities, and have capacity to implement and provide children with comprehensive support;
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OPSC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/OPSC/CRI/CO/1	9 April 2002	<p>2 May 2007</p> <p>Concluding Observations</p>
OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/OPAC/CRI/CO/1	24 Jan 2003	<p>1 May 2007</p> <p>Concluding Observations</p>
ICCPR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations

CCPR/C/CRI/CO/5	29 Nov 1968	16 November 2007 Concluding Observations
ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CESCR/CRI/CO/4	29 Nov 1968	4 January 2008 Concluding Observations
CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CEDAW/C/CRI/CO/5-6	4 April 1986	
CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/CRI/CO/1	1 Oct 2008	11 May 2014 http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G14/026/80/PDF/G1402680.pdf?OpenElement
UPR	Date of Consideration	Link to Page
	13 May 2019	https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/CRIndex.aspx
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	30 Oct 1995	https://www.hcch.net/en/states/hcch-members/details1/?sid=91

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