

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	7 Oct 1991	<p>CRC/C/HUN/CO/6 10 February 2020</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fHUN%2fCO%2f6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>4. 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: violence, including sexual violence, abuse and neglect (para. 24), children deprived of a family environment (para. 28), children with disabilities (para. 30), adolescent health (para. 33), education (para. 37) and asylumseeking, refugee and migrant children (para. 40).</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))</p> <p>Dissemination, awareness raising and training</p> <p>13. Recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, para. 16), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Include mandatory modules on human rights and the Convention in the school curriculum and in training programmes for all professionals working with or for children, including all law enforcement officials, teachers, health personnel, social workers and personnel of childcare institutions, as well as State and local government officials.</p>

		<p>Cooperation with civil society</p> <p>14. Recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, para. 18), the Committee urges the State party to ensure that non-governmental organizations can conduct their activities unimpeded, including on detention issues, asylum-seeking and migration, in an environment conducive to human rights. Additionally, it recommends that the State party strengthen its collaboration with non-governmental organizations working on children's rights, such as through the National Professional College of Child Welfare and the Child Protection Services.</p> <p>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Non-discrimination</p> <p>16. Taking note of target 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, para. 20), the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Implement its laws that prohibit discrimination against children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations, such as girls, children with disabilities, Roma children, migrant and unaccompanied children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex children, and to take measures to educate the public about equality and non-discrimination and to expand its programmes in schools; <p>...</p> <p>Respect for the views of the child</p> <p>18. With reference to its general comment No. 12 (2009) on the right of the child to be heard, and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, para. 24), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Further develop the practice of hearing the views of children under 14 years of age and ensure that their views are duly taken into account in family law proceedings concerning them, including in custody and guardianship decisions;
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		<p>(b) Ensure that children, including unaccompanied children between 14 and 18 years of age, have their views heard in migration and asylum-seeking processes, in all situations, including during crises caused by mass migration;</p> <p>(c) Ensure that children in alternative care are heard in decisions affecting them throughout their stay; and children’ rights representatives are in sufficient number and have the technical capacities adequate to guarantee respect for the views of the child in alternative care;</p> <p>(d) Continue promoting the meaningful and empowered participation of all children within the family, community and schools, including through student council bodies and the children’s parliament;</p> <p>(e) Strengthen initiatives aimed at increasing child participation and develop toolkits to consult with children on national policy issues that affect them, in particular the issues that children identified as being of most concern for them such as education, climate change and security, and ensure that children’s views are taken into account by local and national authorities.</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Violence, including sexual violence, abuse and neglect</p> <p>23. The Committee is seriously concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The lack of information on a national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against children, including sexual abuse, with specific measures targeting girls, Roma children, asylum-seeking and migrant children, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children;(b) The effectiveness and the use by children of the procedures for reporting of cases of violence against children to the authorities. <p>24. 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, and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3- 5, paras. 35, 30 and 32), the Committee urges the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) To develop a national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against children, including sexual abuse, paying particular attention to girls and children in disadvantaged
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		<p>situations, including children with disabilities, children in alternative care, Roma children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children; and asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children; and ensure that the strategy clearly informs children about the procedures available for reporting cases of violence;</p> <p>(b) Put in place child-sensitive mechanisms to facilitate and promote the reporting of cases and ensure that complaints mechanisms are child friendly and available both online and off-line, paying particular attention to alternative care settings, detention facilities and locations for asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children, and ensure that cases are promptly recorded and investigated and that perpetrators are prosecuted and duly sanctioned</p> <p>(c) Consider expanding the application of the “institutional, maintainer and sectoral methodology for the investigation and addressing violence against children and young adults in child care institutions, foster families and correctional institutions” of the Minister on Human Resources to all settings and instances where children may be victims of violence;</p> <p>(d) Adopt the legal measures necessary to support the implementation of the Barnahus programme; and ensure that child victims of violence have effective access to the investigation and therapy services based on the Barnahus model, and that these services are by default available to all child victims of violence.</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>25. In the light of 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, and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, paras. 34), the Committee urges the State party:</p> <p>(a) To effectively implement the prohibition on the use of all forms of corporal punishment in all settings, including the home, schools and alternative care institutions;</p> <p>(b) To strengthen its measures to develop awareness raising and education campaigns that promote positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child rearing and discipline, and that underscore the adverse consequences of corporal punishment, targeting in particular children, parents, teachers and social protection professionals.</p>
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		<p>(d) The insufficient number of foster families, and the fact that the majority of foster families are located in remote areas where children have limited access to support services and to their families of origin;</p> <p>(e) The violence and abuse suffered by children in alternative care settings.</p> <p>28. Drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (see General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), and recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/HUN/CO/3-5, para. 39), the Committee urges the State party:</p> <p>(a) To urgently phase out the institutionalization of children while redirecting funds towards families to promote and support care in a family environment;</p> <p>(b) To prioritize social protection measures for families to prevent children, in particular those under 3 years of age, from entering alternative care;</p> <p>(c) To ensure that records of ethnic origin of children in the child protection system are collected and analysed, with a view to providing targeted prevention services;</p> <p>(d) To modernize and make child protection services more efficient to guarantee that children spend the shortest time possible in temporary care;</p> <p>(e) To strengthen its measures to increase the number of foster families countrywide, invest in the provision of health, education and social services at the local level, and ensure that children maintain contact with their biological families, when in the child's best interests;</p> <p>(f) To strongly invest in the training and supervision of professionals working in alternative care, and provide them with the infrastructure and financial resources necessary to care for the children they are responsible for;</p> <p>(g) To ensure that children in alternative care settings, including children with disabilities, have access to confidential and child-sensitive complaints mechanisms, are able to report cases of misconduct, and that reported cases are promptly addressed.</p> <p>F. Children with disabilities (art. 23)</p> <p>29. The Committee is seriously concerned about:</p> <p>(a) Children with disabilities being deprived of their families and living in institutions, children's homes and small group homes;</p>
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CRPD/C/HUN/CO/1 Concluding Observations on the initial report of Hungary adopted by the Committee at its eight session (17-28 September 2012)	20 Jul 2007	22 October 2012 http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Session8.aspx III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations A. General principles and obligations (arts. 1-4) 13. The Committee regrets the insufficient participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in the review and design of disability-related legislation and policies, as well as in other policy and decision-making processes, in line with their obligation under article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention. The Committee further regrets the fact that representative organizations of persons with disabilities from Hungary did not participate in the constructive dialogue with the Committee. 14. The Committee recommends that the State party take effective measures to consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children and women with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the planning, execution and monitoring of public decision-making processes at all levels and in particular in the matters affecting them, giving them reasonable and realistic

		<p>timelines for providing their views, and providing them with adequate funding in order to enable them to fulfil their role under article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention.</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>21. The Committee takes note of the State party's expression of dedication to protect and promote the rights of children with disabilities. However, the Committee is concerned about the large number of children living in institutional settings and about the fact that many children with disabilities receive institutional rather than home care. It stresses the importance of allocating sufficient resources to enable children with disabilities to continue living with their families in their own communities.</p> <p>22. The Committee calls upon the State party to undertake greater efforts to make available the necessary professional and financial resources, especially at the local level, to promote and expand community-based rehabilitation and other services in their respective local communities to children with disabilities and their families, in order to enable children with disabilities to live with their families, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC/C/HUN/CO/2).</p> <p>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</p> <p>27. The Committee notes with appreciation that the State party is committed to undertaking measures to provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities who are deprived of their liberty. It also notes with appreciation that "personal liberty is assured by making use of the services voluntarily" (CRPD/C/HUN/1, para. 87). However, the Committee is concerned about the situation faced by persons under guardianship, where a decision on institutional care is made by the guardian rather than the person him/herself, and guardians are authorized to give consent to mental health care services on behalf of their ward. The Committee further regrets that disability, in some cases, can be the ground for detention.</p> <p>28. The Committee recommends that the State party review provisions in legislation that allow for the deprivation of liberty on the basis of disability, including mental, psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, and adopt measures to ensure that health care services, including all mental health care services, are based on the free and informed consent of the person concerned.</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