

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	2 Apr 2014	<p>CRC/C/PSE/CO/1 10 February 2020</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fPSE%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>IV. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>D. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8 and 13–17)</p> <p>Birth registration and name</p> <p>28. The Committee is concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The registration of children, particularly children of parents living outside of the State party, is often delayed and that fees apply if the registration is made 11 days after birth; (b) Children born to unmarried parents or as a result of incest cannot take their parents' name; (c) Children, who do not have a birth certificate and/or whose parent(s) do not hold Palestinian identity, including because they reside outside of the State party or in East Jerusalem, or stay illegally in the West Bank and Gaza, lack identification, leading in some cases to family reunification requests being delayed. <p>29. Taking note of target 16.9 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consider waving fees for late birth registration, in particular for families living outside of the State party, and continue its measures to promote birth registration; (b) Adopt regulations to ensure that children born to unmarried parents have the right to take on the name of at least one of their parents and that children born of incest are afforded the same opportunity, where it is in their best interest;

		<p>(c) Continue its efforts to facilitate family reunification and to provide services, including education and health care services, to children who lack identification.</p> <p>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9–11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>44. The Committee is concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) National legislation concerning family and personal status matters is fragmented in the State party and that provisions of the Jordanian Personal Status Law (1976) and the Egyptian Family Rights Law (1954), which are in force in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip respectively, allocate the guardianship rights to fathers and specify the parent with whom children have to live in case of the divorce of their parents, without consideration of the best interests of the child;(b) Maternity leave is limited to ten weeks.(c) A number of children are deprived of the care of at least one of their parents due to restrictions by Israel on the freedom of movement to and from the State party and on residence in the State party or East Jerusalem. <p>45. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Harmonize national legislation concerning family and personal status matters and bring national legislation in line with the Convention and international standards, particularly concerning guardianship and maintenance of children;(b) Increase the duration of paid maternity leave to at least 14 weeks, in line with international standards, and undertake all other measures to facilitate the equal sharing of parenting responsibilities between mothers and fathers;(c) Take all possible measures to ensure that children are cared for by both parents. <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>46. The Committee notes with serious concern that:</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