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	<p>5 May 1993</p>	<p>CRC/C/FSM/CO/2                      5 March 2020  <a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fFSM%2fCO%2f2&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fFSM%2fCO%2f2&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))</b></p> <p><b>Legislation</b></p> <p>5. While noting with appreciation the adoption of the Kosrae Family Protection Act and the Pohnpei Family Safety Act as well as the intention of the State party to adopt comprehensive child protection legislation, the Committee is concerned about the lack of family protection legislation in Yap and Chuuk.</p> <p><b>6. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt family protection laws in Yap and Chuuk and allocate appropriate human, technical and financial resources for their implementation.</b></p> <p><b>Comprehensive policy and strategy</b></p> <p>7. The Committee notes the adoption of the National Youth Policy 2017-2023, as well as family protection strategies in Kosrae and Pohnpei. Nonetheless, the Committee is concerned about the lack of a comprehensive national policy to specifically promote and protect children’s rights.</p> <p><b>8. The Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p>

		<p>(a) Develop and adopt a comprehensive policy on children that encompasses all areas covered by the Convention and, on the basis of the policy, develop a strategy for its application that is supported by sufficient human, technical and financial resources;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that policies concerning children, including the National Youth Policy, are developed with the full participation of children and civil society organizations;</p> <p>(c) Ensure that the specific needs and views of children are taken into consideration in the development of the national development plan that succeeds the Strategic Development Plan 2004-2023.</p> <p><b>Allocation of resources</b></p> <p>11. The Committee notes that the majority of budgetary spending on the implementation of the Convention is allocated to the health and education sectors, but is concerned that there are no budget allocations for child protection and no assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the national budget. It is also concerned about the heavy reliance on donor funding and the possible implications on the welfare of children of the expiration of the financial provisions of the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America in 2023, if the Compact is not renewed.</p> <p><b>12. With reference its general comment No. 19 (2016) on public budgeting for the realization of children's rights, the Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p> <p>(a) Utilize a child-rights approach in the elaboration of the State budget by implementing a tracking system for the allocation and use of resources for children throughout the budget;</p> <p>(b) Increase budgetary resources specifically for children to the maximum extent possible in accordance with article 4 of the Convention and thereby take measures to reduce reliance on foreign assistance;</p> <p>(c) Define specific budgetary lines for children with disabilities and child protection, as well as for addressing birth registration and violence against children.</p> <p><b>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Corporal punishment</b></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