

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	5 Dec 1990	<p>CRC/C/AGO/CO/5-7 27 June 2018</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fAGO%2fCO%2f5-7&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Non-discrimination</p> <p>15. The Committee urges the State party to continue and strengthen its activities to combat discrimination, in particular with regard to children with disabilities, pregnant girls, children with HIV/AIDS, San children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children and children in street situations, who are still exposed to discriminatory attitudes and behaviours.</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>21. Reiterating its concluding observations (see CRC/C/AGO/CO/2-4, para. 37), with reference to its general comments No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence and No. 8 (2006) on the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment, taking note of target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals on ending all forms of violence against children, and in view of the State party's acceptance of relevant recommendations from its universal periodic review in 2014, the Committee urges the State party to:</p>

		<p>(a) Amend the Children’s Act, including by removing the legal defence of “justifiable correction”, the Domestic Violence Act, the Family Code, the Penal Code and any other relevant legislation to explicitly prohibit the use of corporal punishment in all settings, including at home, in schools, in alternative care settings, in day-care institutions and in penal institutions;</p> <p>(b) Strengthen training programmes for teachers and public education, awareness-raising and social mobilization programmes involving children, families and communities on the harmful effects of corporal punishment, with a view to changing attitudes and promoting alternative, positive and non-violent forms of childrearing and discipline.</p> <p>E. 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>24. Welcoming the State party’s efforts to provide counselling services for parents, the Committee recalls its previous recommendations (see CRC/C/AGO/CO/2-4, para. 40), and recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Ensure effective implementation of the right of children born to single mothers to know and maintain contact with both their biological parents;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that mothers and fathers equally share the legal responsibility for their children in accordance with article 18 (1) of the Convention;</p> <p>(c) Reinforce measures to prevent family disintegration and strengthen the family, particularly in order to prevent child removal.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>25. The Committee welcomes the implementation of the National Family Location and Reunification Programme, which has reintegrated the majority of children into biological or alternate families, and the training of personnel working in children’s institutions. Recalling its</p>
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		<p>previous recommendations (see CRC/C/AGO/CO/2-4, paras. 42 and 44) and with reference to the United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Establish a comprehensive, rights-based and accountable system of alternative care for children deprived of parental care that integrates the traditional care provided by the extended family with a particular focus on the best interests of the child;(b) Take measures to expand the system of foster care for children who cannot stay with their families, with a view to reducing the institutionalization of children;(c) Ensure the effective monitoring and assessment of placements of children and the allocation of adequate human, technical and financial resources to alternative care centres and relevant child protection services to facilitate the rehabilitation and social reintegration of child residents;(d) Consider ratifying the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, review its adoption regulations, including in the revised Family Code, and seek technical assistance from UNICEF in this regard. <p>F. Disability, basic health and welfare (arts. 6, 18 (3), 23, 24, 26, 27 (1)–(3) and 33)</p> <p>Children with disabilities</p> <p>26. The Committee commends the State party's efforts to ensure the implementation of the rights of children with disabilities. Recalling its previous recommendations (see CRC/C/AGO/CO/2-4, para. 48) and taking into account its general comment No. 9 (2006) on the rights of children with disabilities and target 4.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals on ensuring equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(b) Increase human, financial and material resources to develop inclusive education and ensure that it is given priority over the placement of children in specialized institutions
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		<p>and classes, and invest in the development of the professional skills of children with disabilities;</p> <p>...</p> <p>H. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 (b)–(d) and 38–40)</p> <p>Economic exploitation, including child labour</p> <p>35. While noting the adoption of Law No. 3/14 on Crimes Underlying Money Laundering in 2014, which prohibits the use of child labour and establishes the Office of the Labour Inspector General, and Presidential Decree No. 30/17, which establishes a list of 57 hazardous occupations and activities that cannot be carried out by children, the Committee remains concerned that child labour is still highly prevalent in the State party, especially in rural areas. Recalling its previous recommendations (see CRC/C/AGO/CO/2-4, para. 66), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) Further engage with international donors, agencies, civil society organizations and the business sector to combat child labour and economic exploitation, particularly for disadvantaged children, girls, children in street situations, orphans and children involved in drug and substance abuse, who are at risk of becoming engaged in the worst forms of child labour;</p> <p>...</p> <p>Children in street situations</p> <p>36. With reference to its general comment No. 21 (2017) on children in street situations, the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <p>(a) Assess the number of children in street situations, undertake studies on the root causes of the large number of children in street situations and develop a comprehensive strategy,</p>
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		<p>with the involvement of such children, to address those causes, with the aim of reducing and preventing this phenomenon; (b) Provide children in street situations with social and health services, education and lodging; (c) Facilitate either reintegration with their families or placement in alternative care for children in street situations, while fully respecting the children’s best interests and giving due weight to their views in accordance with their age and maturity.</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