

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	05 Oct 1993	<p>CRC/C/ATG/CO/2-4</p> <p>30 June 2017</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fATG%2fCO%2f2-4&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6)) Legislation</p> <p>4. The Committee welcomes the efforts made to carry out a comprehensive review of existing laws to ensure compliance and harmonization with the provisions of the Convention and notes as positive the adoption of the Status of Children Act (2015), the Child Justice Act (2015) and the Children (Care and Adoption) Act (2015). It is concerned, however, that some legislation remains to be harmonized with the Convention. It is also concerned that progress in adopting the family bill has been slow.</p> <p>5. With a view to expediting the process of ensuring that its legislation complies fully with the principles and provisions of the Convention, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Introduce a child rights impact assessment procedure for all current and proposed legislation;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Make the adoption of the family bill a matter of priority.</p> <p>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Non-discrimination</p> <p>20. The Committee welcomes the adoption of the revised Status of Children Act (2015) as a means of eliminating stigma against children born out of wedlock. However, it remains concerned that the grounds for constitutional protection from discrimination are not in full compliance with</p>

		<p>article 2 of the Convention and that no additional legislation exists that explicitly prohibits all forms of discrimination. It is also concerned that some groups of children, in particular children with disabilities, children living in poverty, children of migrant parents and informally adopted children, suffer from discriminatory attitudes and disparities in accessing basic services.</p> <p>21. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Strengthen its efforts to eradicate all discriminatory policies and practices with a view to ensuring that children enjoy all the rights set out in article 2 of the Convention;(b) Continue and strengthen its anti-discrimination awareness-raising and public education campaigns in relation to children of migrant parents, children with disabilities and informally adopted children, and those living in socially and economically disadvantaged families;(c) Enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation with effective enforcement mechanisms that prohibit discrimination on all grounds. <p>Respect for the views of the child</p> <p>24. The Committee notes as positive the progress being made to establish mechanisms allowing students to voice their views at school through student councils and the efforts being made to ensure respect for the views of the child, including the establishment of a youth parliament. However, it is concerned that there is limited recognition in the legislation of the right of the child to be heard and that there are no general mechanisms promoting the right to be heard. It is also concerned that children in vulnerable or marginalized situations, such as children in administrative care and children with disabilities, are often not consulted in matters concerning them.</p> <p>25. With reference to its general comment No. 12 (2009) on the right of the child to be heard, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Strengthen its efforts to ensure that children’s views are given due consideration in the family, in schools, in the courts and in all relevant administrative and other processes concerning them through, inter alia, the adoption of appropriate legislation,
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		<p>the training of professionals, the establishment of specific activities at schools and the conduct of awareness-raising activities among the general public;</p> <p>(b) Work in collaboration with stakeholders to disseminate the text of the Convention, including child-friendly versions, throughout the State party;</p> <p>(c) Strengthen the creation of spaces through which children can effectively influence public policy and, to that end, provide the youth parliament with a meaningful mandate along with the necessary human, technical and financial resources.</p> <p>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>28. The Committee remains deeply concerned that corporal punishment is widespread and administered systematically in schools, in the home, in alternative care and day care settings and other institutions and that it continues to be widely accepted in society as a means of disciplining children. It is particularly concerned that certain provisions of the Education Act (2008) allow the principal, deputy principal or a teacher of a school to administer corporal punishment.</p> <p>29. The Committee urges the State party to:</p> <p>(a) End all forms of corporal punishment in all settings, in particular in schools, in the home and in private and public institutions; ...</p> <p>(c) Undertake awareness-raising programmes, including education campaigns, to change public attitudes and provide training and information on alternative forms of non-violent discipline, ensuring that they are consistent with the child's human dignity;</p> <p>(d) Train and raise the awareness of educators and other professionals working with and for children on positive behavioural management with a view to promoting safer and more protective schooling environments.</p> <p>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</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