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F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (4))

Children deprived of a family environment

41. The Committee takes note of the State party’s efforts in promoting family-type foster care for children deprived of a family environment. It is, however, concerned at the difficulties of recruiting foster parents for short-term and emergency placements, as well as for children with disabilities and those over the age of 10 years, resulting in the placement of children in institutions.

42. Drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (see General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee reiterates its previous recommendation that the State party:
(a) Strengthen its promotion and support for family-type alternative care for all children deprived of parental care without discrimination, and prioritise family type care over institutional care;

(b) Ensure that adequate human, technical and financial resources are allocated to alternative care centres and relevant child protection services, as well as medical, psychological and educational services, in order to facilitate to the greatest extent possible the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children resident therein.

Adoption

43. The Committee is concerned that the State party only practises closed adoption and therefore the adopted child does not have the right to know his or her biological parents.

44. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure that its legislation guarantees the right of the adopted child to know his or her origins and biological parents.
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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
ICCRP 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
UN   United Nations
UPR   Universal Periodic Review