

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	1 Aug 1990	<p>CRC/C/BTN/CO/3-5                      5 July 2017  <a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f3-5&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f3-5&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</b></p> <p><b>Family environment</b></p> <p>28. The Committee welcomes the measures taken to provide guidance to families on child rearing and recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Strengthen its efforts to ensure that mothers and fathers share equally the responsibility for raising their children, in accordance with article 18 (1) of the Convention;</li> <li>(b) Take measures to change the prevalent gender stereotypes concerning the tasks and roles of women and girls in the family and in the workforce.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternative care</b></p> <p>29. The Committee appreciates the important role that monasteries have in the care and development of children deprived of a family environment and welcomes the measures taken for the modernization of their education curriculum. The Committee recommends that the State party establish an independent monitoring mechanism to ensure compliance of monasteries with national policies regarding care, development, education and disciplining of</p>

		<p>children. This mechanism should be able to carry out unannounced visits and receive and deal with complaints concerning child abuse or ill-treatment.</p> <p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>30. The Committee welcomes the enactment of the Child Adoption Act in 2012 and the endorsement of the Child Adoption Rules and Regulation in 2015, and recommends that the State party consider ratifying the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption and ensure that all safeguards are met when children are adopted in countries that are not parties to that Convention.</p> <p><b>H. Education, leisure and cultural activities (arts. 28-31)</b></p> <p><b>Education, including vocational training and guidance</b></p> <p>38. The Committee welcomes the progress in reaching near universal primary education enrolment and the adoption of the strategic document entitled “Bhutan Education Blueprint 2014-2024”. The Committee is however concerned about: ...</p> <p>(b) The construction of “central schools” (i.e., regional boarding schools) replacing schools in rural areas, which provide for children as young as 6 years, and the impact that may have on the child’s development and right to family life;</p> <p>39. The Committee recommends that the State party: ...</p> <p>(b) Conduct consultations with communities, parents and children from rural areas on any decision to close rural schools and build regional boarding schools and ensure that the cultural and emotional needs of children away from their homes are adequately met and regularly overseen to ensure their welfare;</p> <p><b>I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 (b)-(d) and 38-40)</b></p> <p><b>Administration of juvenile justice</b></p> <p>48. The Committee welcomes raising the age of criminal responsibility to 13 years. In the light of its general comment No. 10 (2007) on children’s rights in juvenile justice, the Committee recommends that the State party:...</p>
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	<p>26 Oct 2009</p>	<p>CRC/C/OPSC/BTN/CO/1</p> <p>2 June 2017</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPSC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPSC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Data</b></p> <p><b>Data collection</b></p> <p>6. The Committee notes that the Royal Bhutan Police receive and process cases involving offences against children and records profiles of repeat offenders. It further notes there are no reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in the State party. The</p>

		<p>Committee is however concerned about the existing challenges and limitations in collecting data, as acknowledged by the State party itself, including the limited knowledge of children’s rights and protection issues and the absence of a comprehensive mechanism for the collection of disaggregated data for child protection and care.</p> <p><b>7. The Committee recommends that the State party develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated and effective system of data collection, analysis, monitoring and impact assessment on all areas covered by the Optional Protocol. The data should be disaggregated by sex, age, nationality and ethnic origin, region and socioeconomic status, with particular attention to children who are at risk of becoming victims of crimes under the Optional Protocol, particularly children from economically disadvantaged situations, children of single parents and children of parents who are addicted to gambling. Data should also be collected on the number of reported cases, investigations and prosecutions carried out and sentences issued, disaggregated by the nature of the offence.</b></p> <p><b>IV. General measures of implementation</b></p> <p><b>Training</b></p> <p>16. The Committee regrets the limited information on training programmes and activities regarding the Optional Protocol.</p> <p><b>17. The Committee recommends that the State party develop and implement training programmes on their responsibilities under the Optional Protocol for all professional groups working with and for children, including law enforcement officials, teachers, health personnel, social workers and personnel of childcare institutions, government officials at national and local levels and religious authorities.</b></p>
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	9 Dec 2009	<p>CRC/C/OPAC/BTN/CO/1</p> <p>27 June 2017</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPAC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPAC%2fBTN%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. General measures of implementation</b></p> <p>Data</p> <p>9. The Committee recommends that the State party establish a mechanism for the comprehensive collection of data, disaggregated by sex, age, nationality and ethnic origin, on children in vulnerable situations, such as asylum-seeking, refugee, migrant and unaccompanied children who enter the State party and may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad.</p>
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ICESCR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Signature Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	21 Sep 2010	
UPR	Date of Consideration	Link to Page
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Hague Inter-country Adoption	Accession Date	Link to Country Profile
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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