

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	4 Feb 1991	<p>CRC/C/CIV/CO/2 12 July 2019</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fCIV%2fCO%2f2&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>F. 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>37. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The lack of information on the measures taken by the State party to ensure that mothers and fathers share responsibility for their children and that childcare services are available; (b) The prevalence of customary and religious polygamous marriages and the absence of legal provisions prohibiting levirate and sororate, which can have negative effects on children; (c) The limited public awareness of national legislation on children’s maintenance allowance. <p>38. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Support and strengthen families, including by facilitating an appropriate balance between work and family life and the availability of childcare services, and ensure that mothers and fathers share responsibility for their children on an equal basis in all matters; (b) Take measures in law and in practice to ensure that no circumstances in the family environment negatively affect children, such as polygamous marriages, levirate and sororate;

		<p>(c) Take effective measures to inform parents and the public of the provisions in domestic legislation concerning the recovery of children’s maintenance allowance, and consider providing free legal and social aid in the recovery of child maintenance allowance for parents in need.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>39. The Committee is concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) National legislation defines institutional care as the only response for children in need of care;(b) A large number of children deprived of a family environment are also placed in the care of the extended family or a family of the community upon the decision of the family council of the community (CRC/C/CIV/2, para. 63) or the care of a foster family in exchange for carrying out domestic work (confiage), without external monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. <p>40. Drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Support and prioritize family-based care for all children, ensure that the guarantee to life in a family environment, contained in the National Policy on the Protection of the Child, is implemented, and adopt the draft decrees of 2017 on standards for institutional care and care by foster families;(b) Provide all necessary resources, social welfare services and support for children in extended family care, and establish a legal framework, a policy and a set of minimum standards for supporting and monitoring family-based care for children. <p>Adoption</p> <p>41. While noting the accession of the State party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption in 2015, the Committee is concerned that the legislation applicable to adoption does not yet reflect international standards and safeguards on adoption.</p> <p>42. The Committee recommends that the State party expedite the revision of Act No. 83-802 of 2 August 1983 on adoption, ensuring that it is in line with the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and</p>
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		<p>Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, and adopt the draft decrees on relevant government bodies for its implementation.</p> <p>Children in prison with their mothers</p> <p>43. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Ensure that children living with imprisoned mothers are provided with the conditions necessary for their physical, mental, moral and social development, including access to health and early childhood development services;(b) Seek alternative measures to institutional confinement for pregnant women and mothers with small children, wherever possible, and amend article 162 of Decree No. 69-189 of 14 May 1969 regulating prisons and prescribing implementation procedures for custodial sentences to reflect the principle of the best interests of the child. <p>I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 (b)–(d) and 38–40)</p> <p>Children in street situations</p> <p>50. The Committee is concerned about the phenomenon of children in street situations, so-called microbes, many of whom have served as mercenaries in the past conflicts in the State party and commit serious offences, such as killing and theft, as members of violent gangs of children, often living in poverty.</p> <p>51. Recalling its general comment No. 21 (2017) on children in street situations, the Committee recommends that the State party undertake qualitative and quantitative studies to better understand the phenomenon of violent children’s gangs and take prompt measures to ensure an adequate standard of living for them, including access to education and reintegration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Report</p> <p>CRC/CIV/2 26 June 2018</p>
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OPSC to CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	19 Sep 2011	
OPAC to CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	12 Mar 2012	
ICCPR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	26 Mar 1992	
ICESCR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	26 Mar 1992	
CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	18 Dec 1995	
CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	10 Jan 2014	
UPR	Date of Consideration	Link to Page
	7 May 2019	https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/CIIndex.aspx

Hague Intercountry Adoption	Accession Date	Link to Country Profile
	11 June 2015	https://www.hcch.net/en/states/other-connected-parties/details2/?sid=264

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