

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/CYP/CO/3-4	7 Feb 1991	<p>10 August 2012 http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fCYP%2fCO%2f3-4&Lang=en</p> <p>C. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8, 13-17, 19 and 37 (a) of the Convention)</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>29. The Committee is concerned at the widespread social acceptance of corporal punishment in the State party. Furthermore, while noting that the State party's Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Law of 2000 prohibits corporal punishment, the Committee is concerned that article 54 of the State party's Children Law (1956) allowing for "the right of any parent, teacher or other person having the lawful control or charge of the child to administer punishment to him" is still in force.</p> <p>30. The Committee recommends that the State party continue conducting awareness-raising and public education campaigns promoting alternative forms of discipline which are non-violent, and participatory forms of child-rearing and education. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the State party explicitly repeal article 54 of its Children Law (1956) to ensure all of its legislation explicitly prohibits all forms of corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home.</p> <p>D. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 18 (paras. 1-2), 9-11, 19-21, 25, 27 (para. 4) and 39 of the Convention)</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>31. The Committee notes as positive that the State party has been able to place children who are deprived of a family environment and aged zero to five years in foster care instead of institutional care. However, the</p>

		<p>Committee is concerned that children above the age of five years, particularly those with behavioral difficulties, tended to be placed in institutional care. In that context, the Committee is also concerned about the inadequacy of training provided to the care professionals at these care facilities.</p> <p>32. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen the support provided to foster parents. In doing so, it recommends that the State party pay particular attention to improving the proportion of children deprived of a family environment and above the age of five years, and children with behavioural difficulties, being placed in foster care. It further recommends that the State party ensure that adequate training, including on the Convention, is provided to care givers at institutional child care facilities. In doing so, it recommends that the State party establish a system for the regular evaluation of the quality of care provided at such facilities and ensure that children in such care are ensured access to effective complaints and remedy mechanism for abuse and/or neglect.</p> <p>Adoption</p> <p>33. The Committee notes that the State party is in the process of seeking legislative approval of a new Adoption Bill. However, the Committee remains concerned that, pending the adoption of the new Bill, the State party's adoption law is not in full compliance with the Convention and the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-county Adoption.</p> <p>34. The Committee recommends that the party expeditiously seek the enactment of its new Adoption Bill and, in doing so, ensure that all aspects of its national and inter-country adoptions are in full compliance with the Convention and the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption.</p> <p>Violence against children, including abuse and neglect</p> <p>35. The Committee notes the State party's nationwide awareness campaign for 2007-2008 to sensitize the public on the issue of domestic violence and child abuse and campaigns organised by the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family. However, the Committee remains concerned at the continued prevalence of domestic violence against women and children and the socio-cultural tolerance of it. In particular, the Committee is concerned that:</p>
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	6 Apr 2006	
OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	2 Jul 2010	
ICCPR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CEDAW	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	27 Jun 2011	<p>CRPD/C/CYP/CO/1</p> <p>8 May 2017</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fCYP%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>II. Positive aspects</p> <p>4. The Committee commends the State party for:</p>

		<p>...</p> <p>(c) The continuation of the process of de-institutionalization of persons with disabilities who require a high level of support;</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>19. The Committee is concerned about the limited access to early intervention and support provided to children with disabilities and their families, especially within the educational, health and social sector, and about the inadequate financial allowances available for families of children with disabilities.</p> <p>20. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close collaboration with representative organizations of persons with disabilities, adopt and implement human rights-based policies, laws and regulations to increase access by children with disabilities and their families to early intervention and other forms of individualized and necessary service and support, including earmarked financial support, in accordance with article 28 of the Convention.</p> <p>Right to life (art. 10)</p> <p>29. The Committee is concerned about the lack of preventative measures and disaggregated data on, inter alia, the causes and numbers of deaths of persons with disabilities residing in psychiatric facilities, institutions, group homes or other places of living.</p> <p>30. The Committee urges the State party to adapt, monitor and enforce all possible measures to identify causes of death, including suicide, and take all prevention measures necessary to address the situations of risk of death among persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)</p>
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Hague Intercountry Adoption	Ratification 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