

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	3 Aug 1994	<p>CRC/C/ERI/CO/4</p> <p>8 June 2015</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCRC%2fCOC%2fERI%2f20798&Lang=en</p> <p>II. Follow-up measures undertaken and progress achieved by the State party</p> <p>3. The Committee welcomes the ratification of/accession to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, in 2014; c) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, in 2014; <p>5. The Committee welcomes the following institutional and policy measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Policy on Children, 2014 <p>IV. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44, para. 6, of the Convention) The Committee’s previous recommendations</p> <p>8. The Committee recommends that the State party take all necessary measures to address the recommendations from the concluding observations (CRC/C/ERI/CO/3) that have not been implemented or not sufficiently implemented, including on independent monitoring; respect for the views of the child; birth registration; family environment; children in street situations; and administration of juvenile justice.</p>

		<p>Data collection</p> <p>19. The Committee welcomes the progress made in data collection in the area of health, including conducting Eritrea Population and Health Survey (EPHS) in 2010. However, the Committee is concerned that the data collected through surveys is not released in a timely manner and the system of data collection does not cover all areas of the Convention. The Committee notes that a DevInfo-based national database is not yet functional.</p> <p>20. In the light of its general comment No. 5 (2003) on general measures of implementation, the Committee urges the State party to further improve its data collection system by;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Ensure that data collection captures the situation of children in situations of vulnerability, including children with disabilities, orphans and children in street situation;</p> <p>The right to life, survival and development</p> <p>29. The Committee is seriously concerned that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) The conditions in the State party are so severe that a high number of children feel compelled to leave their country, being separated from their families and risking their lives and full development.</p> <p>30. The Committee urges the State party to cease the excessive use of force against children with immediate effect, including at the borders, and to take all possible measures to encourage children to continue residing in the country.</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24, para.3, 28, para. 2, 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Torture and other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment</p> <p>36. The Committee notes the information given during the dialogue that caning has been abolished as a sentence for young offenders. However, it remains seriously concerned about reports indicating that:</p>
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		<p>b) Children in situations of migration returning to the country, including those who have unsuccessfully sought asylum in other countries, face torture and detention upon return;</p> <p>c) Children in detention routinely face torture, cruel and degrading treatment, including corporal punishment, in particular children accused of attempting to avoid military service or fleeing the country</p> <p>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>44. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendations (CRC/C/ERI/CO/3, para. 43) to take all necessary measures to ensure the allocation of appropriate financial and other support to programmes that support parents in the exercise of their responsibilities. In particular the Committee recommends that the State party provide effective support programmes for children in vulnerable families, such as those affected by the armed conflict, poverty, HIV/AIDS as well as by the absence of one parent due to obligatory military service, detention or exile.</p> <p>Right to leave and enter own country</p> <p>45. The Committee is seriously concerned about reports that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The extremely tight control of exit visa and the requirement of payment of a tax to re-enter the country undermine the exercise of the right of children and their parents to leave and enter their own country, including for family reunification;b) Children in migration situations and other returnees, including national service evaders and deserters, face detention and disappearance and their children and other family members are not informed of their whereabouts; andc) Family members, including children, are frequently punished for the conduct of another family member, such as fleeing the country. <p>46. The Committee urges the State party to:</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

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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