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	9 Feb 1994	<p>CRC/C/GAB/CO/2 8 July 2016 http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fGAB%2fCO%2f2&Lang=en</p> <p>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12) Non-discrimination 22. The Committee is seriously concerned about the continuing de facto discrimination in access to basic services, such as health, education and social services, against children from poor communities, children from pygmy communities, orphans, children in street situations, children with HIV/AIDS, children with disabilities, child victims of trafficking and asylum-seeking and refugee children. The Committee is also concerned about discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children.</p> <p>23. The Committee recommends that the State party prioritize investment in education, health and social services, taking into account the rights of children in vulnerable situations, including those living in remote and indigenous areas, and pay particular attention to guaranteeing effective access to health, education and social services to children from poor communities, children from indigenous pygmy communities, orphans, children in street situations, children infected with HIV/AIDS, children with disabilities, child victims of trafficking and asylum-seeking and refugee children. The Committee also recommends that the State party raise awareness of equality and non-discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity to foster a culture of tolerance and mutual respect.</p> <p>D. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8 and 13-17) Birth registration 26. The Committee welcomes the 2011 decree establishing free birth registration, the adoption of the national birth registration guidelines and the 2013 national cross-sectoral plan to achieve universal birth registration. However, it remains concerned about the insufficient implementation of the decree and the continuing direct and indirect costs associated with birth registration. The Committee is also concerned</p>

		<p>about the high number of children still without access to birth certificates, in particular children in remote areas, pygmy children and children in vulnerable situations, such as children in street situations, child victims of trafficking and child refugees, and that this is partly due to the poor enforcement of the measures adopted.</p> <p>27. The Committee recommends that the State party: (b) Take all measures necessary to promptly provide all children with a free birth certificate, in particular children in remote areas, indigenous children, children in street situations, child victims of trafficking and child refugees;</p> <p>Corporal punishment</p> <p>31. In the light of its general comment No. 8 (2006) on the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment, the Committee urges the State party to prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home and in alternative and day-care settings, and to promote positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child-rearing and discipline among parents, as well as alternative-care and day-care personnel.</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>40. The Committee notes the measures taken by the State party to support young mothers, such as social contributions and mandatory health insurance, and the creation of nurseries and preschools providing free childcare. The Committee is, however, concerned about children of families in need not receiving sufficient social assistance. The Committee is also concerned about the negative consequences of polygamy in the education and development of children.</p> <p>41. The Committee recommends that the State party: (a) Strengthen social services at the national and local levels and increase social benefits to provide adequate support to children of families in need, with a view to diminishing their vulnerabilities;</p>
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		<p>(b) Ensure that all provisions in its legislation that discriminate against women and ultimately have a negative impact on their children, such as provisions authorizing polygamy, be repealed and that mothers and fathers equally share the legal responsibility for their children in accordance with article 18 (1) of the Convention.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>42. The Committee notes that the concept of extended family in the State party provides additional protection to children, but also notes that in urban settings the concept of family and its structure are rapidly changing, leaving children no longer under the protection of the community. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The steady decrease in the resources allocated to social support services for children;(b) The lack of alternatives to institutionalization of children deprived of a family environment;(c) The lack of regulation of intercountry adoption, which may result in violations of children’s rights. <p>43. Drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Ensure that adequate human, technical and financial resources are allocated to child protection services, including the social assistance service of the Ministry of Justice, the Centre for Children in Difficult Circumstances and the noninstitutional supervision of children (Action éducative en milieu ouvert, AEMO), to facilitate the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children deprived of a family environment;(b) Establish a system of foster care for children who cannot stay with their families, with a view to reducing the institutionalization of children and support and facilitate family-based care for children wherever possible;
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		governmental organizations, and seek technical assistance in the area of juvenile justice from members of the Panel.
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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