

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	02 Jun 1994	<p>CRC/C/GEO/CO/4</p> <p>3 Feb 2017</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fGEO%2fCO%2f4&Lang=en</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Report</p> <p>CRC/C/GEO/CO/4</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fGEO%2fCO%2f4&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Factors and difficulties impeding the implementation of the Convention</p> <p>4. The Committee notes that Abkhazia, Georgia, and South Ossetia / Tskhinvali regions, Georgia, remain outside the effective control of the State party, which is a serious obstacle to the implementation of the Convention in these regions. The Committee welcomes the efforts undertaken by the State party to support health and education services in these regions. However, the Committee is concerned about restrictions in the freedom of movement, which inter alia affect the access to healthcare services, the right to education in one’s native language, the rights of internally displaced children and continued discrimination on ethnic basis in these regions.</p> <p>IV. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>5. The Committee reminds the State party of the indivisibility and interdependence of all the rights enshrined in the Convention and emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. The Committee would like to draw the State party’s attention to the recommendations concerning the following areas, in respect of which urgent measures must be taken: corporal punishment and child abuse (paras. 21 - 22), sexual exploitation and abuse (paras. 23 - 24), family environment (paras. 26 - 27), children with disabilities (paras. 29 - 30), health and health services (paras. 31 - 32) and internally displaced children (paras. 38 - 39).</p> <p>Data collection</p>

		<p>10. While welcoming the collection of data on several areas of the Convention, including through the national census in 2015, the Committee, in the light of its general comment No. 5 (2003) on general measures of implementation, recalls its recommendation (CRC/C/GEO/CO/3, para. 16) and recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Continue and strengthen its efforts to develop a comprehensive data collection system on the implementation of the Convention, especially at municipal level, which reaches all regions of the country. The data should be disaggregated by age, sex, disability, geographic location, ethnic origin and socioeconomic background, in order to facilitate analysis on the situation of all children, particularly those in situations of vulnerability and especially in the area of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual exploitation and children in street situations;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that the data-collection system covers the collection of disaggregated data for all areas of the Convention, including child abuse, neglect, exploitation and sexual exploitation of children and children in street situations;</p> <p>B. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12) Non-discrimination</p> <p>15. While welcoming the adoption of the law on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination in May 2014, the Committee recalls its previous concluding observations (CRC/C/GEO/CO/3, para. 22) and urges the State party to:</p> <p>(a) Allocate the necessary human, technical and financial resources to institutions in charge of monitoring the implementation of the law on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination, and especially to the Public Defender's Office, and collect disaggregated data on cases of discrimination against children, including children with disabilities, children in street situations, children in the juvenile justice system, children belonging to minorities, children of disadvantaged families, children living in rural or remote areas and, children who are refugees or internally displaced, with a view to developing comprehensive strategies aimed at ending all forms of discrimination;</p> <p>22. In the light of its general comments No. 8 (2006) on corporal punishment and No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence and taking note of target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals on ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children, the Committee urges the State party to:</p>
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		<p>c) Mainstream needs-based assistance to internally displaced children into national social protection systems, and development plans, and guarantee their inclusion in professional programmes ;</p> <p>d) Ensure that appropriate alternative accommodation is made available to all residents upon the closure of collective centres, especially families with children, while seeking long-term solutions, and strengthen support to community-based initiatives to generate livelihoods and employment for internally displaced persons;</p> <p>e) Continue to follow up the recommendations of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons.</p> <p>Children in street situations</p> <p>41. Taking into account the adoption on 22 June 2016 of the legislative reform package affecting children in street situations and the development of a full-fledged system for the reintegration of children in street situations into society, the Committee urges the State party to:</p> <p>(a) Strengthen the implementation of action plans for the protection of the rights of the child, by incorporating a separate goal on preventing and combating the sale and exploitation of children and on addressing the situation of children in street situations throughout the country,</p> <p>(b) Include effective identification and referral mechanisms to comprehensive and long-term care, recovery and reintegration programmes, followup and measures in support of families and communities;</p> <p>(c) Carry out a comprehensive study to assess the scope, nature and root causes of the presence of children in street situations in the country in order to develop a national prevention policy;</p> <p>(d) Consider putting in place a mechanism to collaborate with neighbouring countries to ensure the protection of children in street situations;</p> <p>(e) Conduct public awareness campaigns to address the stigma attached to children in street situations.</p> <p>Sale, trafficking and abduction</p> <p>42. The Committee recommends, in line with previous concluding observations (CRC/C/GEO/CO/3, para. 69), that the State party:</p>
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		<p>(a) Integrate a comprehensive child rights perspective in the next action plan on combating trafficking in persons to develop further prevention, protection and prosecution measures to combat sexual and labour exploitation, sale, abduction and trafficking of children;</p> <p>(b) Specifically target children in vulnerable and marginalized situations, including children from ethnic minorities, children placed in institutions, children living in street situations, children with disabilities, children affected by migration, asylum seeking and refugee children, children of foreign nationality and girls who are victims of domestic violence;</p> <p>(c) Ensure that all cases of sexual and labour exploitation, sale, abduction and trafficking are investigated and that perpetrators are charged and punished;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that child victims of sexual exploitation, sale, abduction and trafficking are protected and that they are provided with adequate recovery and social reintegration services and programmes.</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
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