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	F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1 and 2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))
	Family environment
	61. The Committee is seriously concerned about the discrimination between the treatment of men and the treatment of women including married girls below the age of 18 years, in the State party's legislation on family relations, which recognizes husbands as the exclusive heads of households (article 1105 of the Civil Code). It is also concerned about the discrimination against girls in inheritance laws, whereby boys are entitled to twice the share of inheritance that girls are entitled to.
	62. With reference to paragraph 27 of the present document, the Committee urges the State party to revise its Civil Code and all other relevant legislation to ensure equal rights of girls in family relations and provide girls with the right to inheritance on equal terms with boys. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the State party consider ratifying the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, the Hague Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations, and the Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children.
	Children deprived of a family environment
	63. The Committee deplores article 26 of the Act on the Protection of Children and Adolescents with No Guardian or Abusive Guardians of 2012, which allows for marriage between a father and his adopted child,
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paving the way for the sexual abuse of children in adopting families, despite the State party's assurances that this does not take place in practice. The Committee is also concerned about the growing number of children deprived of a family environment, especially among children belonging to ethnic minorities, whose parents have been either imprisoned or killed.

64. The Committee urges the State party to revise the Act on the Protection of Children and Adolescents with No Guardian or Abusive Guardians of 2012 in a way that prohibits any marriage or other sexual arrangements with an adopted child. It also recommends that the State party take all necessary measures to ensure the right of all children, especially children belonging to ethnic minorities, to grow up in a family environment. The Committee recommends that the State party take into account the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, which are annexed to General Assembly resolution 64/142.

Children in prison with their mothers

- 65. The Committee is concerned that children, in particular Baha'i children, living with their mothers in prison have reportedly developed medical problems due to poor living conditions that they are subjected to in prisons.
- 66. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to provide adequate living conditions in prisons for all mothers with children and that it ensure that prison has the most limited effect possible on children's mental and physical development.
- I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 (b)-(d), and 38-40)

Asylum-seeking and refugee children

- 81. The Committee notes with appreciation that the State party is one of the largest refugee-hosting countries in the world, but regrets the lack of gender- and agedisaggregated statistics on its refugee population. The Committee is concerned that:
- (a) While the State party provides access to education and health for registered refugees, those without a valid registration (Amayesh card) face difficulties in accessing all services, including education;
- (b) Refugee children are forced to pay school fees, while education is free for Iranian children;



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(c) Children can easily be separated from their families in the process of deportation, with no opportunity for
communication or for challenging the deportation.
82. The Committee recommends that the State party:
(a) Systematically collect disaggregated data on its refugee and asylumseeking children in order to be able to develop programmes and policies that respond to their needs;
(b) Ensure prompt registration of all its asylum-seeking and refugee children in order to provide them with access to all basic services, including health care and education for free;
(c) Ensure that unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children are given guardianship, free legal assistance with immigration proceedings, and access to adequate shelter, food, health care and education;
(d) Ensure that immigration proceedings involving children are decided on the basis of the best interests of the child, and prevent separation of families during the deportation process.
Children in street situations
87. The Committee is concerned that some children continue to live in the streets, and are subjected to
various forms of economic exploitation, use drugs, suffer from sexual abuse and exploitation by the public and police officers and are at a greater risk of HIV/AIDS infection.
88. The Committee urges the State party to:
 (a) Develop a comprehensive strategy to protect children in street situations and reduce their number, including identifying the underlying causes, such as poverty, family violence, migration, and lack of access to education, with the aim of preventing and reducing this phenomenon; (b) In coordination with NGOs and with children themselves, provide children in street situations with the necessary protection, including a family environment, adequate health-care services, the possibility to attend school and other social services;
(c) Ensure that children in street situations are not subjected to discrimination, abuse or harassment by the public and by law enforcement officials and that they are not subjected to arbitrary arrest and illegal detention;
(d) Promptly investigate complaints concerning ill-treatment and abuse of children in street situations;(e) Support family reunification programmes if in the best interests of the child.



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		Sale, trafficking and abduction
		89. The Committee remains concerned about the ongoing issue of the trafficking and sale of persons under
		the age of 18 years, particularly young girls from rural areas, facilitated by "temporary marriages" or
		"sigheh", as well as the trafficking of girls from Afghanistan to the Islamic Republic of Iran, sold or sent by
		their families, as highlighted in the Committee's previous concluding observations (see CRC/C/15/Add.254, para. 70).
		para. 70).
		90. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (see CRC/C/15/Add.254, para. 71) that the
		State party take all appropriate legislative and administrative measures to prevent and eliminate this
		phenomenon and to ensure that traffickers are prosecuted, convicted and punished.
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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 ICCRP 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

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