

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	05 Sep 1991	<p>CRC/C/ITA/CO/5-6 28 February 2019</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fITA%2fCO%2f5-6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Best interests of the child</p> <p>16. Recognizing the State party's efforts to integrate the principle of the best interests of the child into its legislation, and with reference to the Committee's general comment No. 14 (2013) on the right of the child to have his or her best interests taken as a primary consideration, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Strengthen its efforts to ensure that the principle of the best interests of the child is appropriately integrated and consistently interpreted and applied in all regions across the country in all legislative, administrative and judicial proceedings and decisions and in all policies, programmes and projects that are relevant to and have an impact on children, in particular in relation to unaccompanied or separated children; (b) Develop procedures and criteria to provide guidance to all relevant professionals for determining the best interests of the child in every area and for giving the best interests of the child due weight as a primary consideration, in particular in relation to unaccompanied or separated children having arrived in the State party; (c) Disseminate to professionals working with and for children and the public at large, in particular children in a child-friendly manner, the Committee's general comment No. 14.

		<p>Respect for the views of the child</p> <p>17. While welcoming the introduction into legislation of the right of the child to be heard in selected settings, and reiterating its previous recommendations (CRC/C/ITA/CO/3-4, para. 27), with reference to its general comment No. 12 (2009) on the right of the child to be heard, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Introduce a comprehensive legal provision establishing the right of the child to be heard without any discrimination due to age, disability or any other circumstance, both in the family environment and in any administrative, judicial or mediation procedure in which the child is affected, and ensure that the child’s opinion is taken into account in accordance with the child’s age and maturity, and adopt national uniform standard implementing regulations and guidelines accordingly, in particular in relation to all decisions concerning unaccompanied or separated children having arrived in the State party; <p>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9–11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>24. The Committee welcomes the adoption of Law No. 173/2015, amending Law No. 184/1983 on the right of the child to a family and relating to the right of the child in foster care to maintain an affective relationship with the foster parent even after the end of foster care, and of various national guidelines in this area and the surveys conducted on children deprived of a family environment. Recalling its previous recommendations (CRC/C/ITA/CO/3-4, para. 40) and drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Continue to review its policies on alternative care for children deprived of a family environment to reduce reliability on civil society organizations, including faith-based organizations, with a view to developing a more integrated, child rightsbased and accountable system that integrates the
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CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	15 May 2009	<p>CRPD/C/ITA/CO/1</p> <p>6 October 2016</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fITA%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)</p> <p>47. The Committee is deeply concerned about the trend to re-institutionalize persons with disabilities and that funds are not being reallocated from institutions to promoting and ensuring independent living for all persons with disabilities within their community. Furthermore, it notes with concern the gendered consequences of the current policies where women are “forced” to remain within the family as caregivers of their peers with disabilities instead of being employed in the labour market.</p> <p>48. The Committee recommends that the State party implement safeguards to retain the right to autonomous independent living across all regions, and redirect resources from institutionalization to community-based services and increase budget support to enable persons with disabilities to live independently across the country and have equal access to services, including personal assistance.</p> <p>Respect for home and family (art. 23)</p>

		<p>51. The Committee is concerned at the lack of specific measures to support families of children with disabilities or adults with high levels of support, including financial support.</p> <p>52. The Committee recommends that the State party allocate specific financial, social and other resources across all regions to ensure all families with members with disabilities, including those members with high support needs, can gain access to all the support they require, beyond the list of tax exemptions listed by the State party (see CRPD/C/ITA/Q/1/Add.1, para. 52), to ensure the right to home and family and to inclusion and participation in their local communities, and to eliminate resorting to institutionalization.</p> <p>53. The Committee is deeply concerned that administrative barriers, including inaccessible procedures, still exist to parents with disabilities to adopt children with or without disabilities.</p> <p>54. The Committee recommends that the State party review current laws, policies and practices relating to adoption, and provide support to parents with disabilities to retain full parental responsibility for their children.</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