

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	8 May 1991	<p>CRC/C/LAO/CO/3-6</p> <p>11 October 2018</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fLAO%2fCO%2f3-6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))</p> <p>Allocation of resources</p> <p>8. While the Committee welcomes the information that investment in the social sector has increased during the reporting period, it notes that the State party still falls short of the objective of 9 percent spending in the health sector, as decided by the National Assembly, and the minimum of 17 percent spending in the education sector, set in the Education Law. With reference to its General comment No. 19 (2016) on public budgeting for the realization of children’s rights, the Committee recalls its previous recommendations (see CRC/C/LAO/CO/2 para. 17), and recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Strengthen capacities to mainstream child care and protection issues into national and local planning and budgeting;</p> <p>...</p>

		<p>Data collection</p> <p>9. While the Committee welcomes that statistics centres have been established in all provinces and districts in the State party, it however regrets that no progress has been made towards the establishment of a national central database. With reference to its general comment No. 5 (2003) on general measures of implementation, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Conduct more in-depth research where information is lacking, in particular on children with disabilities, commercial sexual exploitation of children, children in detention and children without parental care;</p> <p>...</p> <p>B. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</p> <p>Respect for the views of the child</p> <p>18. While welcoming the increasing number of forums where children can make their voices heard, the Committee is concerned that not all children in the State party have the same opportunities to participate in public life, and that while the Law on Juvenile Criminal Procedures stipulates that children have the right to participate in legal proceedings, this is not always followed in practice. 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> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Carry out adequate and systematic training of all professional groups working with and for children, including law enforcement officials, teachers, health personnel, social workers and personnel of childcare institutions.</p>
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		<p>(a) Speed up the adoption of the guidelines on children left without parental care;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that residential care is used as a measure of last resort;</p> <p>(c) Ensure systematic periodic review of the quality of care and regular training of relevant professionals, including on children’s rights, while taking into account the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex);</p> <p>(d) Ensure that the child’s right to be heard is guaranteed during the placement in alternative care process, that he/she is able to maintain contact with his/her family, and establish a monitoring mechanism and periodic review of the decision to place a child in alternative care. The same rights should apply to children in “pagodas”.</p> <p>Adoption</p> <p>28. Noting the low awareness of the 2014 Adoption Decree, the Committee recommends that the State party conduct awareness raising activities among relevant stakeholders on the Adoption Decree and ensure that clear and transparent adoption procedures prevent violation of the rights of children placed for adoption and particularly any possibility of using adoption for the purpose of the sale of children. Also, taking into account an increase in inter-country adoptions, the Committee recommends that the State party consider acceding to the 1993 Hague Convention No. 33 on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption.</p> <p>I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32-33, 35-36, 37 (b)-(d), 38, 39 and 40)</p> <p>Children in migration</p> <p>40. The Committee is concerned about the challenges to children’s rights caused by the increasing migration, especially among ASEAN countries. With reference to the joint general comments No. 3 and No. 4 (2017) of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their</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