

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
<p>CRC/C/LTU/CO/3-4</p> <p>Concluding observations on the combined third and fourth periodic reports of Lithuania, adopted by the Committee at its sixty-fourth session (16 September – 4 October 2013)</p>	<p>31 January 1992</p>	<p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx</p> <p>B. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12 of the Convention)</p> <p>Non-discrimination</p> <p>16.The Committee is concerned about the gaps in implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities of 1998, and continuous discrimination against all children, and, inter alia, children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations, including children with disabilities, Roma children, children living in poverty, children living in care institutions and children in conflict with the law.</p> <p>17.The Committee urges the State party to enforce its legislation against discrimination and take urgent measures to prevent discrimination against, inter alia, children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations, including children with disabilities, Roma children, children living in poverty, children living in care institutions and children in conflict with the law. The Committee further recommends that the State party include information in its next periodic report on measures and programmes relevant to the Convention and undertaken by the State party in follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, as well as the outcome document adopted at the 2009 Durban Review Conference.</p> <p>C. Civil Rights and Freedoms (arts.7,8,13-17, 19 and 37 (a) of the Convention)</p> <p>Right to identity</p>

		<p>22.The Committee is concerned about the existence and proliferation of “baby boxes”, allowing anonymous abandonment of children, which is in violation of, inter alia, articles 7, 8, 9 and 19 of the Convention.</p> <p>23.The Committee strongly urges the State party to undertake all measures necessary to end the practice of anonymous abandonment and expeditiously strengthen and promote alternatives. The Committee also urges the State party to increase its efforts to study and address the root causes which lead to the abandonment of infants. The response should include the provision of family planning, reproductive health as well as adequate counselling and social support for unplanned pregnancies and the prevention of risk pregnancies, and support for families in need, while making the possibility of anonymous births at hospitals as a measure of last resort to avoid abandonment and/or death of the child. In that respect, the State party should keep a confidential record of the parents to which the child could access at a later stage, taking into account the duty to fully comply with all provisions of the Convention.</p> <p>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 18 (paras. 1-2), 9-11, 19-21, 25, 27 (para. 4) and 39 of the Convention)</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>31.The Committee is concerned at the increasing number of children being placed out of their homes or in the custody of temporary guardians, especially when parents travel to other countries for work or study.</p> <p>32.The Committee recommends that the State party increase the quality and availability of family support, including community-based services and employment opportunities to families facing economic constraints, and, at the same time, strengthen their parenting skills to enable them to take</p>
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		<p>care of their children. With reference to Article 27, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Committee also urges the State Party to take all appropriate measures to secure the recovery of maintenance for the child from the parents or other persons having financial responsibility for the child, both within the State Party and from abroad, including through the accession to, or the conclusion of, international agreements for such purposes.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>33.The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Strategic Guidelines for Deinstitutionalization of Social Care Homes, including for children without parental custody and children with disabilities, for 2010-2020 and the Strategy for Reorganization of Child Care for 2008-2012. The Committee, however, is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The large number of cases of deprivation of parental rights and placement of children, in particular children under the age of 3, in care institutions;(b) Lack of clear guidelines on separation of children from their families;(c) Very low number of foster families and inadequate support provided to them;(d) Poor living conditions and limited space in care institutions; and(e) Lack of monitoring system of non-governmental children's homes which often fail to comply with the legal requirements for hygiene, quality of services and space.
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		<p>unnecessary barriers, but at the same time ensuring proper screening of prospective adoptive parents. It furthermore recommends that depending on age and maturity, children are informed, consulted and supported throughout the adoption process.</p>
		<p>Country Report</p> <p>CRC/C/LTU/CO/3-4 30 October 2013</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=856&Lang=en</p>
OPSC to CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	05 August 2004	
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ICCPR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/LTU/CO/1	18 Aug 2010	<p>11 May 2016</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fLTU%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>17. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <p>(a) The lack of data and initiatives on protection from and prevention of sexual abuse and trafficking specifically targeting children with disabilities;</p> <p>(b) The systematic lack of involvement of children with disabilities, especially children with intellectual or cognitive impairments and children with a reduced ability to express themselves vocally, in decision-making concerning their lives.</p> <p>18. The Committee strongly recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Develop and implement an appropriate plan of action to eliminate all forms of sexual abuse and violence against children with disabilities within and outside of institutions, and collect disaggregated data in order to evaluate the effectiveness of measures that would be adopted under such a plan of action;</p> <p>(b) Take legislative and administrative measures to guarantee the right of children with disabilities to express their views on all matters affecting them, particularly in judicial and administrative procedures, recognizing their evolving capacity and giving due weight to their views in accordance with their age and maturity, and to be provided with disability- and age-appropriate assistance to realize this right.</p> <p>19. The Committee is concerned about the low number of children with disabilities and their families receiving support from the Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the narrow scope of support provided.</p>

		<p>20. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to ensure that children with disabilities and their families receive the support that they need and that is appropriate given their individual requirements and develop the statistical tools necessary to measure the progress made in that respect.</p> <p>Equal recognition before the law (art. 12) 25. The Committee is deeply concerned at the legal provisions permitting the denial or restriction of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities contrary to article 12 of the Convention, which thereby limit rights of persons with disabilities to give their free and informed consent for treatment, to marry, to found a family and to adopt and raise children.</p> <p>26. With reference to its general comment No. 1 (2014) on equal recognition before the law, the Committee recommends that the State party repeal laws, policies and practices permitting guardianship and trusteeship for adults with disabilities and replace regimes of substituted decision-making with regimes of supported decisionmaking.</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16) 34. The Committee is concerned by: (a) The high number of reports of women, boys and girls with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities facing violence and abuse, including sexual abuse, at institutions and at home; (b) The lack of targeted measures such as the provision of accessible victim support services, including shelters and complaints and reporting mechanisms; (c) The absence of independent monitoring authorities assigned to comply with article 16 (3) of the Convention; (d) The lack of statistical data on exploitation, violence, trafficking and abuse in homes, schools, institutions, hospitals and prisons disaggregated by, among others, sex, age and disability.</p> <p>35. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen the protection of persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls with disabilities, against violence, exploitation and abuse, as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/LTU/CO/4), by establishing inclusive and accessible victim support services, including accessible hotlines, shelters and complaints and reporting mechanisms. The Committee also recommends that the</p>
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		<p>State party strengthen awareness-raising efforts and the training of police officers, health professionals and social workers, among others, with a view to supporting persons with disabilities who have been affected by violence.</p> <p>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19) 39. The Committee is deeply concerned at the lack of sufficient choice and range of adequate support mechanisms, including independent living schemes, to ensure that persons with disabilities can access accommodation within their local community, regardless of their sex, age or impairment. In particular: (a) Many children under 3 years of age with disabilities are still placed in residential institutions; (b) There are no guarantees that all younger persons with disabilities have realistic options of choosing not to live in residential facilities for the elderly; (c) There is no programme for individualized personal and financial assistance allowing persons with disabilities to live independently in the community, and a lack of range of community-based services.</p> <p>40. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close collaboration with organizations of persons with disabilities: (a) Adopt an adequately funded strategy for deinstitutionalization ensuring a range of community-based services for the social inclusion of persons with disabilities, including for children with intellectual and/or psychosocial impairments, including their right to live independently in the community, with the possibility of individualized personal assistance support services in their home; (b) Effectively implement the action plan for the implementation of the national programme for the social integration of persons with disabilities for the period 2013-2019 at all levels of the State; (c) Adopt a moratorium on new admissions of children into institutionalized care; (d) Eliminate excessive waiting time for receiving support services by investing in developing new services and rendering existing services accessible and inclusive and ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sufficient financial resources for independent living and improved access to accessible services in the community</p> <p>Respect for home and the family (art. 23) 43. The Committee is deeply concerned that persons with disabilities, especially those deprived of their legal capacity, can be denied the right to marry, found a family and adopt and raise children.</p>
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	11 October 2011	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/LTSession12.aspx
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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