

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	11 Feb 1991	<p>CRC/C/MDV/CO/4-5                      29 January 2016</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fMDV%2fCO%2f4-5&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fMDV%2fCO%2f4-5&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>IV. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))</b></p> <p><b>Legislation</b></p> <p>8. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CRC/C/MDV/CO/3 of 2007, para. 12) and recommends that the State party take immediate measures to adopt the draft Child Rights Bill ensuring its full compliance with the Convention, including in areas related to shared parental responsibility, removal of children from their families, coordination of child protection, and rights of children of expatriates.</p> <p><b>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24, para.3, 28, para. 2, 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Torture and other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment</b></p> <p>40. While noting that Article 54 of the Constitution prohibits torture, the Committee is concerned that under the 2014 Regulation on Conducting Trials, Investigations and Sentencing Fairly for Offences Committed by Minors (articles 4 and 5) children who have reached puberty may be punished by flogging for committing certain <i>hadd</i> offences. The Committee is seriously concerned that minors continue being flogged or sentenced to flogging and that there is a gender bias in the application of this punishment as in the majority of cases only women and girls who have been</p>

		<p>convicted for sex out of marriage are sentenced to flogging. The Committee is further concerned that child offenders may also be lawfully sentenced to life imprisonment, banishment, or flogging for consensual same-sex relations.</p> <p><b>41. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CRC/C/MDV/CO/3, para. 56) and with reference to the Committee's General Comment No. 8 (2006) on corporal punishment it urges the State party:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(a) To take all the necessary measures to ensure that persons who committed crimes while under the age of 18 are not subjected to any form of torture, including corporal punishment, and that corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure is prohibited by law in the home, alternative care settings, justice institutions, schools and workplace settings;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">...</p> <p><b>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</b></p> <p><b>Family environment</b></p> <p>50. The Committee remains concerned, as underscored during the dialogue, about the very high rate of divorce in the State party which continues to increase. The Committee is also concerned that there is only one child care facility in the State party, despite the large amount of working mothers. The Committee is also concerned at the lack of parenting awareness programmes and couples guidance services.</p> <p><b>51. The Committee recommends that the State party undertake a study into the reasons behind the high divorce rate and encourages the State party to increase its efforts to provide child-care facilities and to develop family education and awareness through, inter alia, providing support, including training for parents in parental guidance and joint parental responsibilities.</b></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