

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	6 Feb 1995	<p>CRC/C/NDL/CO/4 8 June 2015</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCRC%2fCOC%2fNLD%2f20805&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>C. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8, and 13-17)</p> <p>Right to identity</p> <p>34. The Committee is concerned about the establishment of so called “baby-boxes” that allow anonymous abandonment of children in violation of, inter alia, the right of the child to know his or her origin, even though, as stated by the State party, no newborn has been placed in the “baby-boxes” so far.</p> <p>35. The Committee urges the State party to undertake all measures necessary to end the “Baby Box” initiatives as soon as possible and instead strengthen and promote alternatives, in order to prevent unwanted pregnancies and child abandonment, particularly by improving family planning services, counselling and social support for unplanned pregnancies. The Committee also recommends that the State party consider introducing, as a measure of last resort, the possibility of confidential hospital births.</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24, para.3, 28, para. 2, 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Freedom of the child from all forms of violence including corporal punishment</p> <p>36. The Committee welcomes the State party’s efforts aimed at combatting child violence and abuse, but is concerned about:</p> <p>...</p>

		<p>(b) Sexual abuse of children in residential institutions and foster care, in particular abuse of children with mental health conditions ;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(f) Absence of legal provisions prohibiting corporal punishment of children in the home, alternative care settings, day care and schools in the Caribbean Netherlands.</p> <p>37. In the light of its General comments No. 8 (2006) on the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment and No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) Ensure access of all children, including children with mental health conditions, to justice, including by providing legal support and making available child-friendly and confidential complaint mechanisms in residential care and mental health institutions, foster care systems and any other relevant settings;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) Ensure that the State party's legislation addresses all forms of violence, explicitly prohibits corporal punishment in all settings and includes measures to raise awareness of positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child-rearing throughout the Kingdom, in particular in Aruba as well as in the Caribbean Netherlands.</p> <p>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>38. The Committee is concerned that, despite some improvements, the number of placements of children in institutions remains high. It is also concerned about the shortage of suitable foster families and substitute family homes, especially for children aged 10 and older, siblings and children with immigrant background, as well as frequent transferrals of children in foster home system. The Committee is further concerned about the lack of structural follow up to children who leave care institutions and foster homes.</p>
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ICCPR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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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