

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	8 Jan 1991	<p>CRC/C/NOR/CO/5-6</p> <p>1 June 2018</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fNOR%2fCO%2f5-6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>4. The Committee reminds the State party of the indivisibility and interdependence of all the rights enshrined in the Convention and emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. The Committee would like to draw the State party's attention to the recommendations concerning the following areas, in respect of which urgent measures must be taken: independent monitoring (para.8); non-discrimination (para. 12); sexual exploitation and abuse (para. 18); children deprived of a family environment (para. 21); mental health (para. 26); and asylum seeking and refugee children (para. 32).</p> <p>A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))</p> <p>Dissemination, awareness-raising and training</p> <p>10. The Committee notes with appreciation the efforts taken to provide training on the Convention to relevant professionals. However, given that the training provided still does not fully cover all professional groups and is not systematic, and that the knowledge on the rights of the child among the relevant professional groups remains insufficient, the Committee, in line with its previous recommendations (CRC/C/NOR/CO/4, para. 18) recommends that:</p> <p>...</p>

		<p>(b) The State party continue and strengthen systematic dissemination and training of all professional groups working for and with children, including personnel of childcare institutions, health personnel, social workers and law enforcement officials;</p> <p>...</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Sexual exploitation and abuse</p> <p>17. The Committee notes with appreciation the measures taken by the State party to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation and abuse of children, including by strengthening legislation on child sexual abuse and exploitation in the new Penal Code. The Committee is concerned, however, that current plans of action insufficiently focus on the dangers arising online. It is especially concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The particular vulnerability of girls to sexual abuse and exploitation, exacerbated with regards to Sami girls, girls with disabilities, unaccompanied children, children belonging to minorities, and children living in poor households and where there is a strong consumption of alcohol; <p>E. 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>20. The Committee, while noting with appreciation the efforts made by the State party, in particular through its Child Welfare Services, to ensure that each child grows up in a safe and conducive environment, is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Reported separations of children from their families which may not always be in their best interests;(b) Use of coercion in some cases of child separation;(c) The significant disparities between counties regarding the number of out of home placements;(d) Siblings being separated when placed in alternative care;
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		<p>(e) Insufficient monitoring of the situation of children placed in alternative care;</p> <p>(f) Children belonging to minorities, who are placed in alternative care, being at risk of losing connection with their culture and language;</p> <p>(g) Insufficient communication and information between the child welfare services and families, in particular migrant families;</p> <p>(h) Insufficient support provided to children of incarcerated parents.</p> <p>21. Drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (see General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee emphasizes that financial and material poverty — or conditions directly and uniquely attributable to such poverty — should never be the sole justification for removing a child from parental care, for receiving a child into alternative care or for preventing a child's social reintegration. In this regard, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that all forms of separation of children from their parents are always in the best interests of the child best interests of the child, including by:</p> <p>(i) Reviewing the current practices for out of home placements, deprivation of parental rights and limitation of contact rights with a view to ensuring that such drastic steps are only used as measures of last resort, based on the needs as well as best interests of the child and are subject to adequate safeguards, with a particular emphasis on Roma families where children seem to be disproportionately separated from their families;</p> <p>(ii) Ensuring that all municipalities follow the same criteria regarding out of home placements;</p> <p>(iii) Providing parents with the necessary support to avoid the separation from their children;</p> <p>(b) Review the procedures to remove children in emergency cases and provide for a more sensitive approach, ensure that no form of coercion is used, and provide regular training to relevant professionals in this regard;</p> <p>(c) Conduct research on the reasons behind the significant disparities between counties regarding children subjected to alternative care measures and emergency placements;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that siblings are not separated when placed in alternative care;</p> <p>(e) Ensure periodic review of the placement of children in foster care and institutions, and monitor the quality of care therein, including by providing accessible channels for reporting and remedying maltreatment of children;</p>
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ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD/C/NOR/CO/1	3 Jun 2013	5 April 2019 https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fNOR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations

		<p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>11. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The insufficient recognition of the principle of the best interests of the child in the Education Act, beyond the Act's chapter on school environment and bullying, and in the Patient's and Users' Act;(b) The institutionalization of children with disabilities;(c) The unequal access to treatment, care and other opportunities for children with disabilities of migrant or refugee parents, children with disabilities with Sami background, children with disabilities belonging to national minorities, including Roma and Tater/Romani;(d) The absence of accessible mechanisms to ensure the rights of children with disabilities to be heard, to have their views taken into account on matters pertaining to them, particularly in education, beyond the issue of school environment and bullying, to participate in decision-making processes affecting their lives, respecting their evolving capacities, as well as the lack of accessible complaints. <p>12. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Incorporate the principle of the best interests of the child in all legislation, and judicial and administrative decision-making procedures affecting children, including the Educational Act, beyond the Act's chapter on school environment and bullying, and the Patients' and Users' Act;(b) Take measures to ensure the right of children with disabilities to be cared for by family, alternative care within the wider family or within the community in a family setting;(c) Take account of all children with disabilities in legislation, policies and measures under the principle of equal opportunity and community inclusion, paying particular attention to children with disabilities of migrant or refugee parents, children with disabilities with Sami background, children with disabilities belonging to national minorities, including Roma and Tater/Romani;
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		<p>(d) Promote comprehensive strategies and accessible mechanisms for the full and effective participation of children with disabilities in decision-making processes affecting their lives, ensuring their right to have their views taken into account on matters pertaining to them, particularly in education, beyond the issue of school environment and bullying, respecting their evolving capacities and ensuring that they have access to accessible and child-friendly complaints mechanisms.</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)</p> <p>27. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The absence of training for families, caregivers, health personnel and law enforcement officials on recognising all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse against persons with disabilities;(b) Cases of violence, including sexual violence, abuse and exploitation against persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls with disabilities, that often go unreported and without reparation and the lack of specific measures to protect women and girls with disabilities, especially those with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities from gender-based violence;(c) A high number of persons with disabilities who are subjected to bullying, hate speech and hate crimes, which are often neither identified nor investigated as hate crimes. <p>28. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Provide regular training for families, caregivers, health personnel and law enforcement officers on recognising all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse; <p>...</p> <p>Respect for home and the family (art. 23)</p> <p>35. The Committee is concerned that:</p>
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		<p>(a) The State party does not provide adequate support for parents with disabilities to bring up their children and exercise their parental responsibilities;</p> <p>(b) One of the factors contributing to children being separated from parents and placed in care homes or taken by child welfare services, is their own or their parents' disability.</p> <p>36. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that accessible and inclusive community support and safeguard mechanisms are available for parents with disabilities to exercise parental responsibilities;</p> <p>(b) Take measures to ensure explicitly in the law the prohibition of the removal of children from their parents on the basis of their parents' or their own disability.</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

ICCRP	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