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	4 Aug 1995	<p>CRC/C/PLW/CO/2 28 February 2018</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fPLW%2fCO%2f2&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fPLW%2fCO%2f2&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</b></p> <p><b>Non-discrimination</b></p> <p>21. The Committee recalls its previous concluding observations (see CRC/C/15/Add.149, para. 33) and recommends that the State party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) Take legislative measures to ensure that children of non-Palauan parentage, including children of immigrant families and children adopted through intercountry adoptions, are afforded the same rights and access to health, education and social services as Palauan children.</p> <p><b>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Abuse and neglect</b></p> <p>28. The Committee notes with appreciation the amendments to the Penal Code increasing penalties for offences against children and the ongoing review of the Family Protection Act. The Committee however remains seriously concerned that:</p>

		<p>(a) There is no dedicated leading body responsible for policy development and the monitoring of child protection services, leaving child protection intervention measures weak in law and in practice;</p> <p>(b) There are no systems, shelters or foster homes in place to accommodate children, especially child victims of violence;</p> <p>(c) The training on laws, protocols and guidelines for personnel working with child victims of violence is inadequate.</p> <p><b>29. With reference to its general comment No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence and taking note of target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goal on ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children, the Committee urges the State party to:</b></p> <p>(a) Expedite the revision of the Family Protection Act and its plan of action and allocate sufficient resources for their implementation;</p> <p>(b) Establish a dedicated body that takes the lead role in policy development and the monitoring of child protection services and provide it with adequate resources;</p> <p>(c) Strengthen, through legislation and improved inter-agency cooperation, the child protection system, to ensure that it addresses child abuse and violence against and exploitation of children and provides for assessment, identification, referral, counselling and rehabilitation services;</p> <p>(d) Provide sufficient resources for the setting up of shelters, safe homes and foster care for children subjected to violence, where possible, seeking assistance from and collaboration with development partners and non-governmental organizations (NGOs);</p> <p>(e) Scale up training on laws, protocols and guidelines for the Bureau of Public Safety, health-care providers and others who work with and for children;</p> <p>(f) Take all necessary measures to ensure that the Bureau of Public Safety has adequate human, technical and financial resources, in particular, staff specializing in cases of violence against and abuse and exploitation of children.</p> <p><b>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9–11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</b></p> <p><b>Children deprived of a family environment</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