

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/PHL/CO/3-4	21 Aug 1990	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Country Report</b></p> <p>CRC/C/PHL/3-4</p>
OPSC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
<p>CRC/C/OPSC/PHL/CO/1</p> <p>Concluding Observation on the initial report of the Philippines adopted by the Committee at the sixty-second session (14 January-1 February 2013)</p>	28 May 2002	<p>31 January 2013</p> <p><a href="http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/crcs62.htm">http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/crcs62.htm</a></p> <p><b>V. Prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (art. 9, paras. 1 and 2)</b></p> <p><b>Measures adopted to prevent offences prohibited under the Protocol</b></p> <p>22. The Committee urges the State party to adopt a comprehensive approach to address the root causes of offences under the Optional Protocol and target families and children in the most vulnerable situations. In particular, the Committee recommends that the State party strengthen its poverty reduction strategies and supportive social protection measures for disadvantaged and marginalized families, including child-centred early intervention programmes to support parents in better performing their care and protection responsibilities towards children.</p> <p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>23. The Committee notes that the State party has established a strong domestic legal framework to regulate adoption, particularly through the adoption of Domestic Adoption Act of 1998 (Republic Act 8552), Inter-Country Adoption Act of 1995 (Republic Act 8043) and the amendment of articles 183 up to 193 of the Family Code in February 1998. Notwithstanding this, the Committee remains concerned that the sale of</p>

		<p>children for purposes of illegal adoption and tampering of the civil registry by individuals to make it appear that a child is their biological offspring or so called ‘birth simulation’ are still prevalent in the State party.</p> <p><b>24. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendations (CRC/C/PHL/CO/3-4 para. 50, 2009) and calls on the State party to make every effort to ensure that all adoptions fully comply with the principles and provisions of the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, the Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as with other relevant international standards. The Committee further recommends that the State party take all necessary measures to prevent and effectively combat ‘simulated births’, including through awareness-raising campaigns on this practice, promoting legal adoption and prosecuting perpetrators of ‘simulation of birth’.</b></p> <p><b>VII. Protection of the rights of child victims (arts. 8 and 9, paras. 3 and 4)</b></p> <p><b>Recovery and reintegration of victims</b></p> <p>39. The Committee notes with appreciation that various laws and regulations establish the rights to recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of child victims of sale, child prostitution and pornography. In addition, the Committee notes as positive the measures taken by the State party to strengthen services and support for victims through the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The Committee is nevertheless concerned that child-specific services for recovery and reintegration, including specialized medical, psychosocial and psychological care, legal services, emergency shelters and trained professionals remain largely inadequate in the State party and their expansion is severely constrained due to budget limitations. The Committee is further concerned about:</p> <p>(a) The lack of clear referral procedures and standards for the care and protection of child victims of prostitution and pornography, including the provision of psychosocial support, case assessment based on the ‘best interests’ determination, and follow-up until the child reaches the age of majority;</p> <p><b>40. The Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p>
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		(a) Allocate adequate human, financial and technical resources, to increase access to child-centred services for child victims of sexual exploitation, including clear referral procedures and access to psychosocial care and support until they reach full recovery;
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CRC/C/OPAC/PHL/CO/1	26 Aug 2003	
<b>ICCPR</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	23 Oct 1986	
<b>ICESCR</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	7 Jun 1974	
<b>CEDAW</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	5 Aug 1981	
<b>CRPD</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
CRPD/C/PHL/CO/1	15 Apr 2008	<p>16 October 2018</p> <p><a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fPHL%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fPHL%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>B. Specific rights (arts. 5–30)</b></p>

		<p><b>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</b></p> <p>16. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The lack of information about measures to ensure inclusion of children with disabilities in society, especially so since there are an estimated 3.3 million children with disabilities in the State party, representing about 8 per cent of the total population;</li><li>(b) The absence of strategies to promote the best interests of the child in actions concerning children with disabilities;</li><li>(c) The institutionalization of children with disabilities and the separation of children with disabilities from their families in rural areas while they attend school;</li><li>(d) The absence of measures to ensure that the views and opinions of children with disabilities are considered in all matters affecting their lives.</li></ul> <p><b>17. The Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>(a) Adopt a comprehensive strategy and action plan for the promotion and protection of the rights of children with disabilities, and allocate specific human, technical and financial resources, including for monitoring mechanisms, to assess their implementation;</b></li><li><b>(b) Take measures to develop and strengthen respect for the rights of children with disabilities at home, and enhance support for the families of such children, including early childhood programmes, in accordance with the standards established under international human rights law, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The State party should pay particular attention to children with disabilities living in rural areas and those belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, as well as migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children;</b></li><li><b>(c) Take measures to make mainstream schools accessible so that children with disabilities in rural areas can attend schools while living with their families;</b></li><li><b>(d) Strengthen and ensure national coverage of referral systems, including community-based rehabilitation of children with disabilities across the country;</b></li><li><b>(e) Set up protocols and guidelines aimed at consulting with children with disabilities through their representative organizations, ensuring support according to their age and disability, in relation to issues affecting them.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</b></p>
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		(d) Implement community support services, with qualified human resources and adequate budgets, to enable persons with disabilities to make independent decisions on where to live and to be included in the community.
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	2 July 1996	<a href="http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=states.details&amp;sid=121">http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=states.details&amp;sid=121</a>

**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