

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	3 Apr 1995	<p>CRC/C/QAT/CO/3-4</p> <p>22 June 2017</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fQAT%2fCO%2f3-4&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fQAT%2fCO%2f3-4&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Corporal punishment</b></p> <p>21. The Committee remains deeply concerned that corporal punishment is lawful and widely used in the home, alternative care settings, day care, schools and as a penal sentence.</p> <p>22. <b>With reference to its general comment No. 8 (2006) on the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment, the Committee urges the State party to:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) <b>Explicitly prohibit in the bill on the rights of the child corporal punishment in all settings, including at home, at schools and in the justice system, without any exception;</b></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>Family environment</b></p> <p>26. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) <b>Ensure that mothers and fathers share equal legal responsibilities for the upbringing and development of their children;</b></p>

		<p>(b) Ensure that all decisions concerning children taken in cases of divorce are based on the situation of the individual child and repeal all family law provisions that have a negative impact on children, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Those that authorize divorce, particularly in cases of repudiation without guarantees of adequate protection for the mother and the children;</li><li>(ii) Those that assign custody to a mother or to a father on the basis of the age of boys and girls, without an individual child best interests assessment;</li></ul> <p>(c) Ensure that the opportunity of the child to express his or her opinion with regard to custody after divorce should be considered as a right and not an obligation.</p> <p><b>Children deprived of a family environment</b></p> <p>27. While drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Support and facilitate family-based care for all children, with no distinction on the basis of ethnic or national origin, wherever possible, and for children in single-parent families, and establish a foster-care system for children who cannot stay with their families, with a view to reducing institutionalization;</li><li>(b) Ensure adequate safeguards and clear criteria, based on both the needs and the best interests of the child, for determining whether a child should be placed in alternative care;</li><li>(c) 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, monitoring and remedying maltreatment of children.</li></ul> <p><b>Children in prison with their mothers</b></p> <p>28. The Committee recommends that the State party give primary consideration to the best interests of the child by considering alternatives to the detention of mothers and, only if such alternatives are not found, provide all the necessary human and financial resources and support to children living in detention with</p>
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	13 May 2008	<p>CRPD/C/QAT/CO/1                      2 October 2015</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fQAT%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fQAT%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>II. Positive aspects</b></p> <p><b>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</b></p> <p><b>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</b></p> <p>27. The Committee is concerned about the involuntary detention of persons in specialized institutions on the basis of their impairment and the deprivation of liberty based on disability, including intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities. It is also concerned that persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities accused of an offence are declared unfit to stand trial and not given due process. It is also concerned that victims of crimes who are persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities may be temporarily</p>

		<p>placed in institutions while their case is being resolved.</p> <p><b>28. The Committee recommends that the State party repeal all legislation that authorizes institutionalization without the free and informed consent of the person, including in cases where consent is substituted by a third party, and repeal all laws that allow for the deprivation of liberty on the basis of disability. It also recommends that the State party ensure that persons with disabilities accused of an offence are entitled to the provision of procedural accommodations and a fair trial and due process guarantees on an equal basis with others, including the presumption of innocence.</b></p> <p><b>Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (art. 15)</b></p> <p>29. The Committee is concerned that corporal punishment remains lawful and at the lack of information on how this affects persons with disabilities in all settings, including in alternative care settings, at home, in schools and as a sentence for crime.</p> <p><b>30. The Committee recommends that the State party enact a prohibition of all corporal punishment and that it implement the recommendations of the Committee against Torture (see CAT/C/QAT/CO/2, paras. 12 and 19) insofar as they relate to persons with disabilities. It also requests that the State party provide information in this regard in its next periodic report.</b></p> <p><b>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)</b></p> <p>37. The Committee is concerned about the absence of a strategy to promote the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently and be included in the community and the lack of systematic provision of information by the State party to persons with disabilities and their families on how to claim support services and assistance to which they are entitled.</p> <p><b>38. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt a strategy to promote the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently and be included in the community, and to systematically provide</b></p>
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		<p>information to persons with disabilities and their families on how to claim support services and assistance that would enable them to live independently in accordance with their own choice and as part of the community.</p> <p><b>Respect for the home and the family (art. 23)</b></p> <p>41. The Committee is concerned about discriminatory laws and policies that restrict the rights of persons with disabilities, in particularly women, in all matters relating to marriage, family, parenthood and relationships, on an equal basis with others.</p> <p>42. <b>The Committee recommends that the State party repeal discriminatory provisions of family and other laws to ensure equal rights of all women and men with disabilities in matters related to marriage, family, parenthood and relationships.</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