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	<p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>13. The Committee is deeply concerned about the number of children with disabilities living in institutions, especially those with intellectual disabilities; that they constitute nearly 80 per cent of children in institutions; and that information indicates that children with disabilities continue to be placed in institutions. The Committee is equally concerned that, despite the legal prohibition on placing infants under the age of 3 in institutions, infants with disabilities continue to be placed in institutions directly from maternity wards. It is further concerned that, despite efforts to develop foster care, the level of day care, home assistance services, housing support and counselling and therapy available within the framework of community-based services for families with children with disabilities in the State party remains insufficient. The State party also seems to have failed to develop efficient, sustainable and quality community-based care services of the same standard at local level.</p> <p>14. The Committee urges the State party to strengthen its efforts to deinstitutionalize children, in particular those with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, prevent any new institutionalization of infants under the age of 3 and ensure a more efficient transition for boys and girls moving from institutions into families. In the interim period, it recommends that the State party provide children with disabilities with sufficient early childhood intervention and development services, initiate education programmes for the staff in institutions and develop efficient community-based care services for those leaving institutions.</p> <p>Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)</p> <p>25. The Committee is concerned that the Law on the Protection of Persons with Mental Disabilities permits the deprivation of liberty on the basis of impairment and provides for involuntary hospitalization and forced institutionalization of children and adults with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities.</p> <p>26. The Committee urges the State party to repeal laws, including the Law on the Protection of Persons with Mental Disabilities, and prohibit impairment-based detention of children and adults with disabilities,</p>
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		<p>including involuntary hospitalization and forced institutionalization, and ensure that all relevant legislation and policies in that area are in accordance with the Convention as interpreted in the Committee’s guidelines on article 14. It should also accelerate deinstitutionalization, in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities, and the development of support services in the community.</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16) 31. The Committee is concerned at reports of very poor living conditions in institutions. It is particularly disturbed at reports of cases of abuse and neglect of persons with disabilities, especially children with disabilities in institutions, lack of contact and social interaction with other children and their own families.</p> <p>32. The Committee recommends that the State party protect adults and children with disabilities in all institutional settings from violence, abuse and ill-treatment of any kind.</p> <p>Respect for home and the family (art. 23) 45. The Committee is deeply concerned that women with disabilities, especially those with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities, are separated from their children on the grounds of their disability</p> <p>46. The Committee urges the State party to review the procedures by which women with disabilities are declared unfit mothers on the basis of disability and fully restore their rights to have a home and found a family, ensuring that they have the support necessary to make these rights effective.</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