

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations	
CRC/C/SLE/CO/3-5	18 Jun 1990	<p>1 Nov 2016  <b>Committee on the Rights of the Child</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Concluding observations on the combined third to fifth periodic reports of Sierra Leone*</b></p> <p><b>B. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)</b>  <b>Non-discrimination</b></p> <p>13. <b>The Committee recommends that the State party:</b>            (b) <b>Intensify its efforts to eliminate discrimination against groups of children in the most vulnerable situations, such as girls, children with disabilities, children living with HIV/AIDS, children orphaned as a result of Ebola and children in rural areas;</b></p> <p><b>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)</b></p> <p><b>Corporal punishment</b></p> <p>17. <b>In the light of 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 explicitly implement the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings, as recommended in the Code of Conduct for Teachers and Other Education Personnel (2009), especially at home, in schools and in alternative care settings and detention institutions. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen its awareness-raising programmes, including campaigns among parents and relevant professional groups, on alternative methods of discipline, raise awareness of parents and children on the Code of Conduct and strengthen and enforce sanctions to make teachers and all personnel working with children accountable for violating the Code.</b></p>	CRC/C/SLE/CO/3-5

\* Adopted by the Committee at its seventy-third session (13-30 September 2016).

		<p><b>E. 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> <p>25. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Ensure that all possible assistance is given to children orphaned as a result of the Ebola virus, including by conducting awareness-raising campaigns to avoid their stigmatization;</li><li>(b) Fully implement the National Alternative Care Policy for Children, particularly with regard to establishing and implementing minimum standards for the operation of residential care homes and regulating informal care (<i>men pikin</i>);</li><li>(c) Ensure adequate safeguards and clear criteria, based on the needs and best interests of the child, for determining whether a child should be placed in alternative care;</li><li>(d) Ensure periodic review of the situation of children placed in foster care and in institutions, and monitor the quality of care therein, including by providing accessible channels for reporting, monitoring and remedying ill-treatment of children;</li><li>(e) Ensure the registration of existing alternative care centres for children and ensure that they operate in accordance with the minimum standards;</li><li>(f) Ensure that adequate human, technical and financial resources are allocated to alternative care centres and relevant child protection services, in order to facilitate the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children resident therein to the greatest extent possible.</li></ul> <p><b>Adoption</b></p>
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		(e) Give parents who send their children to work on the streets before and after school a legal warning of the legal consequences relating to child labour.
		<b>Country Report</b>
<b>OPSC to CRC</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	17 Sep 2001	
<b>OPAC to CRC</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	15 May 2002	
<b>ICCPR</b>	<b>Accession Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	23 Aug 1996	
<b>ICESCR</b>	<b>Accession Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	23 Aug 1996	
<b>CEDAW</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	11 Nov 1988	
<b>CRPD</b>	<b>Ratification Date</b>	<b>Care-Related Concluding Observations</b>
	04 Oct 2010	
<b>UPR</b>	<b>Date of Consideration</b>	<b>Link to Page</b>
	27 Jan 2016	<a href="http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/SLSession24.aspx">http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/SLSession24.aspx</a>

Hague Intercountry Adoption	Accession Date	Link to Country Profile
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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