

UN CRC	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	10 Apr 1995	<p>CRC/C/SLB/CO/2-3</p> <p>28 February 2018</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLB%2fCO%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLB%2fCO%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</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>Children deprived of a family environment</b></p> <p>30. The Committee is concerned at the absence of a comprehensive alternative care policy or minimum standards for regulating the alternative care of children and that there is no monitoring mechanism for children who are living with the extended family. The Committee is also concerned that there is an inadequate number of safe homes for children.</p> <p><b>31. Drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Develop an alternative care policy and minimum standards for regulating the alternative care of children;</li> <li>(b) Develop monitoring mechanisms and resources for children living with the extended family;</li> <li>(c) Establish a system of foster care, safe homes for children and social welfare services for children who are deprived of their family environments;</li> <li>(d) Provide all social welfare services necessary and support to families and alternative care providers;</li> <li>(e) Establish quality standards for all available forms of alternative care options and take children’s views into consideration in any decision about alternative care;</li> </ul>

		<p>(f) Ensure periodic review of the placement of children in alternative care and monitor the quality of care therein, including by providing accessible channels for reporting, monitoring and remedying the maltreatment of children.</p> <p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>32. The Committee welcomes the 2017 Adoption (Amendment) Act, which was amended to include, in particular, “non-residence and intercountry adoption” as well as criteria for assessing both domestic and international adoption. However, it is concerned that there are no comprehensive guidelines for the adoption process.</p> <p>33. The Committee urges the State party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To develop regulations and guidelines for all stakeholders in matters of adoption;</li> <li>(b) To establish a unit to oversee formal adoption processes and provide it with adequate resources;</li> <li>(c) To increase awareness of formal adoption at the community level and promote and encourage formal domestic adoption;</li> <li>(d) To consider ratifying the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Country Report</b></p> <p>CRC/C/SLB/2-3</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLB%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fSLB%2f2-3&amp;Lang=en</a></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