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|        | 10 June 1991      | <p>CRC/C/TZA/CO/3-5<br/>           4 February 2015</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fTZA%2fCO%2f3-5&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fTZA%2fCO%2f3-5&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12 of the Convention)</b></p> <p><b>Right to life, survival and development</b></p> <p>29. The Committee, while noting the “campaign on violence against women, children and people with albinism conducted throughout the country”, is extremely alarmed about the killings of children with albinism including for ritual purposes and their social exclusion in the State party. The Committee is seriously concerned that the root causes of the violence, including murder, mutilations and trafficking of their body parts are insufficiently addressed; that prosecution of offenders is hampered by fear and reported complicity of some State authorities, and that children with albinism have been placed in boarding schools/shelters for children with special needs. The Committee is further concerned about reports that these shelters, while offering immediate protection, are not temporary as originally intended, are overcrowded, with very limited human and financial resources and unhygienic conditions. Children placed in these boarding school/shelters are separated from their families and segregated from their community. The Committee also notes with concern reports that children with albinism in these shelters are punished, especially by prolonged sun–exposure, causing rapid skin cancer, subject to threats, and even sexual abuse.</p> <p>30. The Committee urges the State party to adopt without delay a comprehensive strategy, including awareness-raising, especially in the most affected areas targeting “witch doctors”, to fully ensure the immediate and long-term protection of children with albinism and address the root causes of the violence they suffer. It also urges the State party to expedite the investigation and prosecution of all cases involving children with albinism, so no perpetrator can escape with impunity, and provide rehabilitation and redress</p> |

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|  |  | <p>to victims. The Committee encourages the State party to review its policy of placing children with albinism in boarding schools. It further recommends that the State party take all necessary measures to find the families of those children who have been placed in these shelters and reunite the children with their families, when in the best interests of the child.</p> <p><b>F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</b></p> <p><b>Children deprived of a family environment</b></p> <p>47. The Committee welcomes the various measures taken to provide care and protection to children deprived of a family environment, in particular the adoption of Regulations on foster care, children homes, adoption, retention homes, apprentices and child employment (2014). However, the Committee notes with concern that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The number of children living without parental care is reportedly increasing in the State party, with a majority of them living in elderly-headed households, child-headed households, in institutional care and in streets;</li> <li>(b) A significant number of children's homes in the State party are operating without registration, lack adequate inspection, and that numerous cases of child abuse have been reported;</li> <li>(c) Children continue to live in institutions without a review of the placement, contrary to the 2012 Children's Homes Regulations; and</li> <li>(d) The lack of alternative care services is mainly due to poor coordination.</li> </ul> <p>48. Drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee recommends that the State party undertake the necessary measures to protect the rights of children deprived of a family environment and address their needs with a focus on, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Strengthening the support provided to biological families to prevent out-of-home placements;</li> <li>(b) Prioritizing the registration, certification and licensing of alternative care centres;</li> </ul> |
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|  |  | <p>(c) Establishing a mechanism for the independent monitoring, review, and inspection of the situation of children entrusted to the care of family or community members as well as of facilities running as children's homes and provide accessible channels for confidential reporting by children, monitoring and remedying maltreatment of children; and</p> <p>(d) Supporting and facilitating family-based care for children wherever possible and provide extended family networks and other community members who care for children that are deprived of their family environment and to child-headed households, with a view to reducing the institutionalization of children.</p> <p><b>Adoption</b></p> <p>49. Noting that cases of inter-country adoption, while rare, do exist, the Committee is concerned about the little progress made towards the ratification of the 1993 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter country Adoption.</p> <p>50. <b>The Committee encourages the State party to ratify the 1993 Hague Convention No. 33 on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption.</b></p> <p><b>I. Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32-33, 35-36, 37 (b)-(d), 38, 39 and 40)</b></p> <p><b>Asylum-seeking and refugee children</b></p> <p>63. While noting the efforts undertaken by the State party to operate programmes to combat sexual and gender-based violence in all refugee camps, the Committee is concerned about reports of frequent sexual and gender-based violence in Nyarugusu refugee camp including giving away a child, mainly a daughter, to pay for debt; forced marriage; and teenage pregnancy. The Committee is also concerned about the scarce opportunities for children, in particular long-term refugee children, to access education and develop life skills, and the insufficient assistance for unaccompanied children in the camps.</p> <p>64. <b>The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CRC/C/TZA/CO/2, para. 60) that the State party improve the protection response and follow-up for cases of sexual violence concerning children. The Committee urges the State party to ensure the right of all children to education and basic assistance for</b></p> |
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|  |  | <p><b>children without family in the camps. It also recommends that the State party continue seeking international assistance and cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.</b></p> <p><b>Children in street situations</b></p> <p>67. The Committee notes with appreciation a number of initiatives such as the National Plan for addressing the issues of children living and working on streets (2014-2017) and the Community Based Strategic Plan to provide protection to children in street situations. Nevertheless, the Committee is concerned that the implementation of these plans has been low due to the lack of adequate resources. The Committee is also concerned about the absence of national data available on the prevalence of children living and working on the streets.</p> <p>68. <b>The Committee recommends that the State party:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(a) Undertake an in-depth study and statistical analysis on the causes and scope of the issue of children in street situations in the State party;</b></li> <li><b>(b) Develop a national strategy to support children in street situations and to address the socioeconomic disadvantages and other root causes of vulnerability of children in street situations, as well as the violence they are sometimes exposed to in the hands of law enforcement officials;</b></li> <li><b>(c) Ensure the appropriate implementation of initiatives to provide these children with adequate nutrition, clothing, housing, health care and educational opportunities, especially informal education and life-skills training, in order to support their full development and return to their families and community, when in the best interests of the child; and</b></li> <li><b>(d) Provide, as appropriate, all child victims of physical, sexual and substance abuse with reintegration and recovery services.</b></li> </ul> |
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**Acronyms and Abbreviations:**

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| 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  |