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		<p><b>32. Recalling 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(a) Explicitly prohibit corporal punishment in law and in practice in all settings and repeal the right to administer judicial corporal punishment for a crime;</b></li> <li><b>(b) Strengthen teacher training on alternative, non-violent forms of discipline and ensure it is part of pre-service and in-service training programmes;</b></li> <li><b>(c) Provide programmes for parents and all professionals that work with and for children to encourage the use of alternative, non-violent forms of discipline;</b></li> <li><b>(d) Effectively enforce the prohibition against corporal punishment in schools and penal institutions and provide children with a complaints mechanism, especially in schools, so that they can safely and confidentially report teachers and others that continue to use corporal punishment;</b></li> <li><b>(e) Strengthen awareness-raising programmes, training and other activities to promote attitudinal change, in particular in schools, within the family and at the community level, with regard to corporal punishment.</b></li> </ul> <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>37. The Committee is concerned that there is no formal social welfare service in the State party and no parenting programmes that would encourage both parents to have a more active role in the family. It is also concerned at the low number of day-care centres nationwide.</p> <p>38. The Committee recommends that the State party establish a network of services for children and a functioning social welfare service, and that it provide more support for and strengthen partnership with non-governmental organizations that provide day-care services. The Committee also recommends that the State party raise awareness on parental responsibilities.</p> <p><b>Children deprived of a family environment</b></p>
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		<p>psychosocial and behavioural problems, and take all the necessary steps to ensure children are not placed together with adults in mental health facilities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Country Report</b></p> <p>CRC/C/TON/1 23 July 2018</p> <p><a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fTON%2f1&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fTON%2f1&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