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		F.Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))
		Family environment
		1. The Committee notes the significant efforts made by the State party to reduce poverty and the implementation of programmes to support families. However, the Committee is concerned about the lack of a comprehensive strategy to support families. The Committee further regrets the lack of information provided with regard to the concrete impact of these programmes in preventing separation of children from their families.
		2. The Committee recommends that the State party:
		(a) Undertake an evaluation on the impact of the programmes in preventing separation of children from their families and include this information in the next periodic report to the Committee; and
		(b) Develop a comprehensive strategy, with the technical support of UNICEF and in consultation with civil society at large, aimed at supporting families, which includes indicators, expected results and budget allocation.
		Children deprived of a family environment
		3. The Committee welcomes the efforts made by the State party to ensure that children are only separated from their families as a measure of last resort. However, the Committee is concerned about the lack of information provided by the State party on the situation of children



living in institutions and other care programmes. The Committee is also concerned about reports according to which IDENNA, the entity legally responsible for the supervision of all alternative care centres is not adequately supervising and supporting all centres, such as those run by civil society organizations or other State-run institutions.

- 4. 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 urgently undertake all necessary measures to:
- (a) Collect comprehensive and disaggregated data on the situation of children living in institutions and other alternative care settings; and
- (b) Ensure that IDENNA adequately monitors, supervises and supports, through proper human, technical and financial resources allocation, all institutions and care programmes and regularly reports on them.

I.Special protection measures (arts. 22, 30, 32-33, 35-36, 37 (b)-(d), 38, 39 and 40)

Asylum-seeking and refugee children

- 5. The Committee is concerned about the lack of information on the number of asylum seeking children and that the delays in refugee status determination decisions have a negative impact on the enjoyment of rights of asylum-seeking children and their families. The Committee is further concerned about the lack of programmes addressing the particular needs of asylum-seeking and refugee children that have been involved in armed conflicts in neighbouring countries.
- 6. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Collect disaggregated data on asylum seeking children;
- (b) Ensure that all children and their families in need of international protection receive appropriate and fair treatment at all stages, and that decisions on refugee status determination are dealt with expeditiously;



- (c) Provide adequate assistance and psychosocial support to children who have been involved in armed conflicts abroad; and
- (d) Consider ratifying the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Children in street situations

- 7. The Committee welcomes the initiatives taken by the State party to ensure that children in street situations may exercise their rights. However, the Committee regrets the lack of information on the extent of the phenomenon, the consistency among the various initiatives taken so far, the results of these initiatives and their actual impact in improving the living conditions of children in street situations.
- 8. The Committee recommends that the State party:
- (a) Conduct a study on the scope -including disaggregated data- and causes of the phenomenon of children in street situation, and regularly update it;
- (b) Evaluate the consistency and impact of the initiatives taken so far and based on the lessons learned develop a comprehensive policy, with adequate human, technical and financial resources, to prevent and reduce the phenomenon. The policy should address the different needs of boys and girls in street situations; and
- (c) Strengthen its efforts to ensure that children in street situations are provided with adequate nutrition, shelter, health care, educational opportunities and protection from all forms of violence.

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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
ICCRP 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

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