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**Committee on the Rights of the Child**

Concluding observations on the [[1]](#footnote-2)\*

I. Introduction

1. The Committee considered the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports of country (CRC/C/XXX/Y) at its number and number meetings (see CRC/C/SR.XXX and XXX), held on date and date, and adopted the present concluding observations at its number meeting, held on date.

2. The Committee welcomes the submission of the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports of the State party and the written replies to the list of issues (CRC/C/XXX/Q/Y/Add.1), which allowed for a better understanding of the situation of children’s rights in the State party. The Committee expresses appreciation for the constructive dialogue held with the [multisectoral] [high-level] delegation of the State party.

II. Follow-up measures taken and progress achieved by the State party

3. The Committee welcomes the ratification of or accession to the following instruments:

(a) The …, in year;

(b) The …, on date;

(c) ….

III. Factors and difficulties impeding the implementation of the Convention [[Not always included. Renumber subsequent headings as appropriate.]]

IV. Main areas of concern and recommendations

4. The Committee reminds the State party of the indivisibility and interdependence of all the rights enshrined in the Convention and emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. The Committee would like to draw the State party’s attention to the recommendations concerning the following areas, in respect of which urgent measures must be taken: [[Areas vary]] the definition of the child, especially in relation to child marriage (para. XX), non-discrimination (paras. XX and XX), the right to life, survival and development (para. XX), torture and ill-treatment (para. XX), children in armed conflict (para. XX) and juvenile justice (para. XX).

A. General measures of implementation (arts. 4, 42 and 44 (6))

B. Definition of the child (art. 1)

C. General principles (arts. 2, 3, 6 and 12)

D. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8 and 13-17)

E. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24 (3), 28 (2), 34, 37 (a) and 39)

F. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))

G. Disability, basic health and welfare (arts. 6, 18 (3), 23, 24, 26, 27 (1)-(3) and 33)

H. Education, leisure and cultural activities (arts. 28-31)

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

J. Ratification of the [Optional Protocol to the Convention on a communications procedure] [Optional Protocols to the Convention]

5. **The Committee recommends that the State party, in order to further strengthen the fulfilment of children’s rights, ratify the [Optional Protocol to the Convention on a communications procedure] [the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the involvement of children in armed conflict, on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on a communications procedure].**

K. Ratification of international human rights instruments

6. **The Committee recommends that the State party, in order to further strengthen the fulfilment of children’s rights, [ratify] [consider ratifying] the following core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party:**

(a) **…**;

(b) **…**;

(c) **…**.

L. [Cooperation with regional bodies] [Cooperation with international bodies] [Cooperation with regional and international bodies]

7. **The Committee recommends that the State party cooperate with ….**

V. Implementation and reporting

A. Follow-up and dissemination

8. **The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate measures to ensure that the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations are fully implemented. The Committee also recommends that the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports, the written replies to the list of issues and the present concluding observations be made widely available in the languages of the country. [[While this language appears in all concluding observations, additional language might be included and set out in separate paragraphs.]]**

B. National mechanism for reporting and follow-up [[Not always included]]

9. **The Committee recommends that the State party establish a national mechanism for reporting and follow-up as a standing government structure that is mandated with coordinating and preparing reports to and engaging with international and regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with coordinating and tracking national follow-up to and implementation of treaty obligations and the recommendations and decisions emanating from such mechanisms. The Committee emphasizes that such a structure should be adequately and continuously supported by dedicated staff and should have the capacity to consult systematically with the national human rights institution and civil society.**

C. Next report

10. **The Committee invites the State party to submit its [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports by date and to include therein information on the follow-up to the present concluding observations. The report should be in compliance with the Committee’s harmonized treaty-specific reporting guidelines adopted on 31 January 2014 (CRC/C/58/Rev.3) and should not exceed 21,200 words (see General Assembly resolution 68/268, para. 16). In the event that a report exceeding the established word limit is submitted, the State party will be asked to shorten the report in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. If the State party is not in a position to review and resubmit the report, translation thereof for the purposes of consideration by the treaty body cannot be guaranteed.**

11. **The Committee also invites the State party to submit an updated core document, not exceeding 42,400 words, in accordance with the requirements for the common core document contained in the harmonized guidelines on reporting under the international human rights treaties, including guidelines on a common core document and treaty-specific documents (see HRI/GEN/2/Rev.6, chap. I) and paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 68/268.**

1. \* Adopted by the Committee at its number session (dates). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)