

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

List of Issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of  
the second periodic report of Croatia (CRC/C/70/Add.23)

**PART I**

**Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 5 August 2004:**

**A. Data and statistics, if available**

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, provinces, ethnic groups, urban or rural areas) covering the period 2001-2003 on:
  - a. the number and percentage of children under 18 living in the State party;
  - b. the number and percentage of children from minority groups, non-national children including immigrant children, refugee and displaced children and Roma children.
  
2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional disaggregated data for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures, percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Convention, specified as follows:
  - a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
  - b) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care and other health care services for children);
  - c) social welfare and support programmes for families, including families from ethnic minorities, refugee and displaced families;
  - d) programmes and services for children with disabilities;
  - e) protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
  - g) programmes for the prevention of and protection from child abuse, child sexual exploitation and child labour;
  - h) juvenile justice.Please also indicate the estimated expenses of the private sector, in particular for health and education.
  
3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents,

please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the number of children:

- a) separated from their parents;
- b) placed in institutions;
- c) placed with foster families;
- d) adopted domestically or through inter-country adoptions.

4. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age, if possible minority groups) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 the number of children:

- a) with disabilities;
- b) with disabilities living at home and in institutions;
- c) with disabilities enrolled in regular education and special education systems; and
- d) not attending school.

5. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, gender, ethnic groups and types of violations reported) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the:

- a) number of child abuse cases reported;
- b) number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up.
- c) average duration of the case from the time of reporting to a court decision;
- d) number and proportion of victims that have received counseling and assistance in recovery.

6. Please also provide disaggregated data (by gender, age, urban and rural areas and, if possible, by minority groups including the Roma, refugee and displaced children) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:

- a) rates of literacy of all under 18 years old;
- b) rate of enrolment in pre-primary schools, primary schools and in secondary schools;
- c) rate of children completing primary and secondary school;
- d) rate of children in private schools;
- e) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions;
- f) ratio teacher per children.

7. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) on infant and child mortality, adolescent health, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), HIV/AIDS, early pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse (including within the family), suicide, traffic accidents and mental health concerns, for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

8. Please provide disaggregated data (including, where relevant, by gender, age, type of crime and by ethnic and minority group) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, in particular on the:

- a) number of persons below 18 who allegedly committed a crime reported to the police;
- b) number of persons below 18 who were sentenced by courts to sanctions, and the nature of sanctions (community service, detention, other types of sanctions);
- c) number of persons below 18 detained and imprisoned, the location of their detention or imprisonment place and the lengths of their deprivation of liberty;
- d) detention facilities for persons below 18 and their capacity;
- e) persons below 18 detained in these facilities and minors detained in adult facilities;
- f) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons below 18 occurred during their arrest and detention.

11. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by gender, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the number of children:
- a) involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking and the number of children provided with access to recovery and other assistance;
  - b) involved in substance abuse and the number of children who received treatment and rehabilitative assistance;
  - c) involved in child labour;
  - d) unaccompanied asylum-seeking, refugee and displaced children.

## **B. General Measures of Implementation**

1. Please provide information on the reasons some of the recommendations contained in the Committee's previous observations (CRC/C/15/Add.52) have not yet been fully implemented, in particular the ones related to (i) non-discrimination (para. 15), (ii) training programmes on the Convention (para. 24), the situation of children in institutions or in foster care (para. 25).
2. Please provide updated information on the status of the following amendments and new laws, and further explain in which ways they are in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Convention:
  - a) the Law on the Changes and Amendments of the Penal Law (2003);
  - b) the Amendments to the Constitutional Law on Human Rights and Freedoms and the Rights of Ethnic and National Communities or Minorities (passed in 2000);
  - c) the Law on Education in the Language and Script of National Minorities (passed in 2000);
  - d) the Amendments to the Family Law (2003);
  - e) the new Asylum Law (2003);
  - f) the Amendments to the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Act (2003).
3. Please indicate whether the Convention has been invoked in domestic courts, and if any, please provide examples.
4. Please provide information on the current status and activities of the existing institutions, in particular of the Council for Children, the Ombudsman for Children, etc.
5. In view of the reforms in the functioning of the Council for Children, created in 1998 to ensure the implementation of the National Action Programme for Children (paragraph 26 of the State party's report), please provide information about its functioning, activities and results, and about the participation of representatives of NGOs, particularly after its reform in 2000. Please provide information on the implementation of the National Action Programme for Children.
6. With regard to the newly established commissions or internal commissions (paragraphs 28, 32-37 of the State party's report), please provide information on the effective coordination of their programmes and activities in the implementation of the Convention.
7. With regard to the establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for Children, please provide information on the mandate, financial and human resources of this body. In addition, please provide information on the number and nature of the complaints filed with this body and its responses to these complaints.

8. Please provide further information on efforts to provide training, awareness and information on the Convention to various groups of professionals working for or with children.

9. Please indicate the issues affecting children that the State party considers to be priorities requiring the most urgent attention with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

### **Part II**

**Please provide the Committee with copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.**

### **Part III**

**Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) up-date the information provided in its report with regard to:**

- New bills or enacted legislation;
- New institutions;
- Newly implemented policies;
- Newly implemented programmes and projects and their scope.

### **Part IV**

**The following is a preliminary list of major issues (that does not contain issues already covered in Part I) that the Committee may take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written answers. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.**

1. Non-discrimination, in particular of children belonging to ethnic, religious and other groups.
2. The situation of Roma children.
3. The situation of children with disabilities.
4. The implementation of the obligation for the best interests of the child to be a primary consideration.
5. Respect for the views of the child, with special regard to administrative and judicial procedures.
6. Regulations and practice concerning the separation of children from parents.
7. Child abuse, including sexual abuse, and neglect in the family, foster care and institutions.
8. Protection of children placed in foster care; inter-country and domestic adoption.
9. Adolescent health, including substance abuse and stress related disorders.
10. Support and protection provided to refugee and displaced children, including unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
11. Trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.
12. Street children.
13. Juvenile justice.

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