

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 third periodic report of NORWAY (CRC/C/129/Add.1)

Part I

**Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form
additional and updated information, if possible, before 6 April 2005:**

A. Data and statistics

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, urban, rural and remote areas,) covering the years of 2002, 2003 and 2004:
 - a) on the number and proportion of children under 18 living in the State party;
 - b) on the number and proportion of children belonging to minority groups, refugees, and asylum-seekers.

2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional updated disaggregated data for 2003-2005 on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures and percentages of the national and regional budgets and/or GDP) related to the implementation of the Convention, evaluating the priorities for budgetary expenditures given to the following:
 - a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
 - b) child care services, including day care centers and crèches;
 - c) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care and other health care services for children, including social insurance);
 - d) programmes and services for children with disabilities;
 - e) support programmes for families;
 - f) the protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
 - g) programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse and child sexual exploitation and child labour;
 - h) juvenile justice;
 - i) the protection and support of refugee, asylum seeking and migrant children, in particular non-accompanied children;
 - j) the Children's Ombudsman.

3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas), for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, 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;
- e) migrant unaccompanied minors.

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by sex and age, covering the years 2002, 2003, and 2004:

- a) living with their families;
- b) in institutions;
- c) attending regular schools;
- d) attending special schools; and
- e) not attending any school.

5. Please provide data on number of children abducted from or to Norway.

6. With reference to child abuse please provide disaggregated data (by age, sex, minority and ethnic group and types of child abuse reported) for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004 if available, on the:

- a) number of individual complaints/reports received per year in the last three years;
- b) number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up.
- d) number of reports received about female genital mutilation and honor killings.

7. Please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004 on:

- a) the enrolment and completion rates in percentages of the relevant group in pre-primary schools, in primary schools and in secondary schools;
- b) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions;
- c) ratio of teachers to students.

8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, urban, and rural areas) on infant and child mortality, early pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), suicide, drug use, alcohol and tobacco abuse for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004. Please also provide the percentage of the total number of health professionals working in the health care services for children.

9. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age groups) on children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS as well as information on programmes implemented to address the problems of these children.

10. Please provide data (disaggregated by sex, age, [minority and ethnic groups,] and type of crime), for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, on:

- a) the number of persons below 18 who allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;

- b) the number of persons below 18 who were sentenced and the nature of sanctions (community service, detention, other type of sanction);
- c) the number of juveniles (under 18) detained and imprisoned, the location of their detention or imprisonment (e.g. police station, jail or other place) and the lengths of their detention or imprisonment, including pre-trial detention;
- d) the number of persons below 18 detained in adult facilities;
- g) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons below 18 during their arrest and detention.

11. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004 on:
- a) the number of children victims of sexual exploitation, including pornography, sale and trafficking and the number of those children who were provided access with recovery and reintegration treatments;
 - b) the number of children victims of substance abuse and the number of those children who received recovery and reintegration treatments;
 - c) the number of unaccompanied minors and asylum-seeking and refugee children, as well as the number of children awaiting expulsion.;
 - d) involved in child labour (formal or informal sectors).

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. The Committee would appreciate receiving information on intended or planned activities related to recommendations contained in the Committee's previous concluding observations on the second periodic report of Norway (CRC/C/15/Add.126) which have not yet been fully implemented, in particular those contained in paragraphs 21 (non-discrimination), 27 (freedom of thought, conscience and religion), 31 (separation of parents), 41 (mental health services), and 43 (childcare services).
2. Please provide updated information on efforts to coordinate policies for children and the implementation of the Convention, in particular regarding the establishment of single municipal agencies for the coordination of activities by various bodies that provide assistance to children (State party's report, para. 35).
3. Please provide information on cases, where the Convention has been directly invoked in courts, and if so, please provide examples of such cases.
4. Please provide updated information on dissemination of the Convention, particularly among school children, teachers, medical professionals and the judiciary.
5. Please provide information (statistical and other data) on:
 - (a) The follow up to/impact of the proposal made in Report No. 39 to the Storting (2001-2002) (State party's report, para. 31);
 - (b) The three-year plan of action to combat female genital mutilation;
 - (c) The renewed efforts (April 2002) to combat forced marriage and the related proposed amendments to the Penal Code (State party's report, paras. 49 and 51).

6. 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 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) update 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 intends to take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written responses. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. Coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention.
2. Discrimination faced by minority, immigrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children, in particular in the areas of education, health and other social services.
3. Support for vulnerable families and children at risk.
4. Measures of protection against child abuse and the provision of counseling and recovery services for victims.
5. Intercountry adoptions and the monitoring and control of adoption agencies.
6. Programmes and services for children with disabilities, including access to schools, cultural and recreational facilities.
7. Adolescent health, including access to counseling.
8. Education, and the problem of bullying.
9. Sexual exploitation of children, pornography, trafficking and abduction.
10. Juvenile justice.