

# CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - CHILD LABOUR AND EXPLOITATION

## II. GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ICESCR General Comment 5 (Eleventh session, 1994): Persons with Disabilities, E/1995/22 (1994) 99 at para. 32.

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32. Children with disabilities are especially vulnerable to exploitation, abuse and neglect and are, in accordance with article 10 (3) of the Covenant (reinforced by the corresponding provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child), entitled to special protection.

- ICESCR General Comment 13 (Twenty-first session, 1999): Article 13: The Right to Education, E/2000/22 (1999) 111 at para. 55.

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55. States parties have an obligation to ensure that communities and families are not dependent on child labour. The Committee especially affirms the importance of education in eliminating child labour and the obligations set out in article 7(2) of the ILO's Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention (1999). 27/ Additionally, given article 2(2), States parties are obliged to remove gender and other stereotyping which impedes the educational access of girls, women and other disadvantaged groups.

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27/ According to article 7(2), "(e)ach Member shall, taking into account the importance of education in eliminating child labour, take effective and time-bound measures to: ... (c) ensure access to free basic education, and, wherever possible and appropriate, vocational training, for all children removed from the worst forms of child labour" (ILO Convention 82, Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999).

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- CRC General Comment 2 (Thirty-first session, 2002): The Role of Independent National Human Rights Institutions in the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child, A/59/41 (2004) 82 at paras. 22 and 29.

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22. NHRIs [national human rights institutions] should also cooperate with the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights, including country and thematic mechanisms, in particular the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child

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prostitution and child pornography and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

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29. Children's human rights issues are not constrained by national borders and it has become increasingly necessary to devise appropriate regional and international responses to a variety of child rights issues (including, but not limited to, the trafficking of women and children, child pornography, child soldiers, child labour, child abuse, refugee and migrant children, etc.). International and regional mechanisms and exchanges are encouraged, as they provide NHRIs with an opportunity to learn from each other's experience, collectively strengthen each other's positions and contribute to resolving human rights problems affecting both countries and regions.

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- CERD General Recommendation XXIX (Sixty-first session, 2002): On Article 1, Paragraph 1, of the Convention (Descent), A/57/18 (2002) 111 at para. pp. For text of General Recommendation, see **EQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION - RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**.
- ICCPR General Comment 17 (Thirty-fifth session, 1989): Article 24: Rights of the Child, A/44/40 (1989) 173 at paras. 3 and 4. For text of General Comment, see **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - GENERAL**.
- ICCPR General Comment 28 (Sixty-eighth session, 2000): Article 3: Equality of Rights Between Men and Women, A/55/40 vol. I (2000) 133 at paras. 12 and 22. For text of General Comment, see **EQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION - GENDER DISCRIMINATION - General**.
- CRC General Comment 3 (Thirty-second session, 2003): HIV/AIDS and the Rights of the Child, A/59/41 (2004) 89 at paras. 6, 19, 30, 32, 35 and 36. For text of General Comment, see **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - GENERAL**.
- CRC General Comment 4 (Thirty-third session, 2003): Adolescent Health and Development in the Context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, A/59/41 (2004) 102 at paras. 6, 12, 18, 34, 36, 37, 39(a) and 39(e). For text of General Comment, see **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - HEALTH**.
- CRC General Comment 6 (Thirty-ninth session, 2005): Treatment of Unaccompanied and

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Separated Children Outside their Country of Origin, A/61/41 (2005) 15 at paras. 3, 23, 24, 28, 48, 50-53, 59 and 74. For text of General Comment, see **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - GENERAL**.