Report on Committee on the Rights of the Child, 90th Session (3 May - 3 June, 2022)

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The Committee reviewed the reports of Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Greece, Iceland, Kiribati, Somalia & Zambia.

Ms. Mikiko Otani, Chair of the Committee, opened the 90th session with the expressing of “deep concern” about the severe violation of the children’s right in Ukraine. She reminder everybody about the mandate of the CRC-Committee, mainly to monitor all the violence. Therefore, Ms. Otani expressed the wish to work closer with the OHCHR to address the violence and denial of the human rights of the children everywhere in the world. She said that the Committee will continue to strengthen her cooperation with other UN bodies and agencies to ensure that the children’s right agenda would be more visible and systematically integrated in all areas of the UN.

The Committee mentioned that the draft Concept Note of December 2021 – 2023 organised a series of offline and online consultations and workshops with the global community; including specific consultations with children and young people.

Short overview of reviews:
- The commission praised Somalia for its efforts to improve the political governance, but there are still too many unsolved issues, such as FGM and the fact that corporal punishment is still allowed. Urged adaptation of national laws is needed.
- Iceland was applauded for allowing children to challenge custody cases in court. Still questions concerning violence against children and the long waiting list for children with mental health issues.
- Cuba: a lot of questions concerning the healthcare structure and the problematic situation of the adolescents in the justice system (not enough adolescent-orientated support and solutions).
- Canada was asked to give more explanation around the Hearing Commission for indigenous children; too many vague areas. Same concerns about the situation of children in courtroom and the “Jordan’s Principle”.
- Cyprus: a lot of remarks concerning the children’s placement in houses in case of domestic abuse. Also, the lack for prevention laws on school bullying is still a big concern as is the situation of the status of the young adolescents in case of statelessness.
- Kiribati was congratulated on the new laws which raise the age of marriage to 18. Questions remain about birth registration and the school dropout of boys (more than girls).
- Zambia: a lot of concern about the exposure of children to lead contamination in mines and about the lack of legislation on child marriages and recognition of the children’s rights.
- Chile received positive comments for its "My Lawyer" program for children. Still a lot of concern about violent responses to child protests and the situation of children with disabilities.
- Croatia was recognised on the excellent work on their legislative reforms. Problems concerning the early marriage age in the Roma communities and children with incarcerated parents are still not solved.
- Djibouti: the Committee welcomes the creation of the Children Parliament and the good work done under the Family Code. There was still a lot of commends on the still existing laws allowing child marriage, the discrimination between girls & boys, street children, children with disabilities, the abused children, freedom of speaks, etc....
- Cambodia: received positive comments on the creation of Cambodia Nation Council for Children (CNCC), but there are major concerns about the implementation (human and financial). The need of data on trafficked and abused children is a must as well as creating awareness about children’s rights by the public and parents is needed. Adaptation of national laws are required.

The full review of the CRC 90th sessions is available [HERE](#) on the OHCHR website.