

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 initial report of ALBANIA (CRC/C/11/Add.27)

Part I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 25 November 2004:

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas/mountainous and plain areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the number and proportion of children under 18.
2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional disaggregated data for 2002 - 2004, on budget allocations and trends (in percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Convention in the following areas:
 - a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
 - b) child care services, including day care centers;
 - 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);
 - d) programmes and services for children with disabilities;
 - e) support programmes for families;
 - f) support for children living below the poverty line (please also specify the criteria for 'poverty' and indicate the number of children living below the poverty line);
 - g) the protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
 - h) programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse and child sexual exploitation and child labour;
 - i) juvenile justice.Please also indicate the 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 sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the last three years on the number of who have been:
 - a) separated from their parents;
 - b) placed in institutions;
 - c) placed with foster families;
 - d) adopted domestically or through inter-country adoptions;

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by sex, age ethnic and minority group, for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003:
 - a) living with their families;
 - b) in residential institutions;
 - c) daily-run centres;
 - d) attending regular schools;
 - e) attending special schools;
 - f) not attending any school.
5. Please provide data on number of children abducted from or to Albania.
6. With reference to child abuse please provide disaggregated data (by age, sex, minority and ethnic group and types of violations reported) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the:
 - a) number of 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.
7. Please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 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 teacher to pupils.
8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban, and rural areas) on infant and child mortality, early pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), youth suicide, drug, alcohol and tobacco use and information on fatal accidents, for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Also, please provide numbers of health professionals working in the health care services for children.
9. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age groups, minority and ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) 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 appropriate disaggregated data (including by sex, age, minority and ethnic groups, and type of crime) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, in particular on the number of:
 - a) children who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
 - b) children who have been sentenced and type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
 - c) children under the age of 18 who have been tried as adults;
 - d) detention facilities for juvenile offenders and their capacity;
 - e) children detained in these facilities and children detained in adult facilities;
 - f) minors kept in pre-trial detention and the average length of their detention;
 - g) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of children during their arrest and detention.
11. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) per year between 2001 and 2003 on:
 - a) the number of children involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking;
 - b) the number of children involved in sexual exploitation who received assistance in

recovery and counseling;

- c) the number of children involved in child labour (formal and informal sectors);
- d) the number of unaccompanied minors and asylum-seeking and refugee children, as well as the number of children awaiting expulsion;
- e) number of street-children.

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. Please indicate to what extent the State party has managed to implement the “alternative” to social services enumerated in para. 31 of the State party report. In this respect, please also provide information on support provided to families with social and economic problems to reduce the need of “alternative” placement.
2. Please provide information on cases, if any, where the Convention has been directly invoked in the courts, and if so, please provide examples of such cases.
3. Please inform the Committee if the immediate measures mentioned in para. 34 of the Report, have been undertaken. (Family Code, Court for Minors, revision of legislation, and other issues enumerated..).
4. Please provide updated information on efforts to coordinate policies for children and the implementation of the Convention and to ensure follow-up to the concluding observations of the Committee.
5. Please provide information on the implementation of the various national programs for children, such as the national programme for the abolition of child labour ¹ the National Strategy for Children.
6. Please provide additional information on measures taken to improve the system for collection of disaggregated data on children under 18 and all areas under the Convention.
7. Please provide information on the existing practice, structures and/or agreements regarding cooperation between the Government and non-governmental organizations involved with the promotion and protection of children’s rights.
8. 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.

¹ State Party report to the Human Rights Committee CCPR/C/ALB/2004/1, para. 590 - 596

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. Non-discrimination (art. 2); the best interests of the child (art. 3) and the respect for the views of the child (art. 12).
2. Birth registration.
3. The right not to be subjected to torture and ill-treatment, including corporal punishment.
4. Family reunification and alternative care.
5. Reporting of child abuse and the provision of counselling and recovery services for child victims.
6. Inter-country adoptions and the monitoring and control of adoption agencies.
7. Programmes and services for children with disabilities.
8. Adolescent health.
9. Education.
10. Juvenile justice.
11. Trafficking and abduction.
12. Sexual exploitation.
13. Minorities.
