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Committee on the Rights of the Child**List of issues in relation to the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Suriname***

1. The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information, of 10,700 words maximum, by 15 October 2026. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

Part I

2. Please inform the Committee on the following:

(a) Steps envisaged to adopt comprehensive legislation and a comprehensive policy and strategy on children's rights that are in conformity with the Convention;

(b) Steps envisaged to set up a robust data collection system on children's rights;

(c) Measures taken to adopt a child-rights approach to the budgeting process, including a tracking system of budget lines and allocation to children across the budget;

(d) How the Child Rights Bureau coordinates and monitors the implementation of the Convention with the other ministries and steps envisaged to increase its authority;

(e) Steps taken to ensure that the Child Ombudsman Institute is fully operational and has the capacity to facilitate children's access to justice and to effective remedies;

(f) The impact on children's rights resulting from the reduction of international cooperation and aid.

3. Please inform the Committee about:

(a) The measures taken to eradicate all forms of discrimination against children, primarily Indigenous and Maroon children, children with disabilities, migrant children and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children;

(b) The extent to which the 2025 Policy on Early Childhood include measures for ensuring children's basic needs, particularly those in vulnerable situations;

* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group online on 14 April 2026.

- (c) The reasons for replacing the Youth Parliament with the Youth Council and the measures taken to ensure the effective functioning of the latter.
4. Please provide updated information on:
- (a) The measure taken to ensure universal birth registration and prevent statelessness among children, notably children living in remote areas and migrant children;
- (b) The impact on statelessness among children resulting from the Act of 12 September 2014 that amends the State Ordinance of 24 November 1975 for the Regulation of the Surinamese Nationality and Residence in Suriname which was not made retroactive.
5. With reference to the recommendations contained in the Committee's concluding observations on the third and fourth combined periodic reports of the State party¹, please indicate what are the obstacles that prevent the establishment of a national database on abuse, neglect and sexual exploitation and abuse and other forms of violence against children.
6. Please update the Committee on the progress and remaining challenges to:
- (a) Strengthen the effectiveness of the child protection system;
- (b) Protect children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, including by strengthening existing helplines and the reporting of cases;
- (c) Prohibit by law corporal punishment in all settings explicitly and without exceptions, including at home and in day care and afterschool care facilities, schools, alternative care settings, residential care and penal institutions;
- (d) Ensure the effective implementation of the 2025 Civil Code regarding the prohibition of child marriage;
- (e) Ensure physical and psychosocial support and reintegration of children who are victims of violence.
7. Please provide updated information about:
- (a) The status of the foster care legislation and any other measures envisaged to strengthen the foster care system;
- (b) Progress made to monitor the placement of children and to provide them with adequate conditions, including reasonable accommodation for children with disabilities;
- (c) Concrete measures taken to address illicit transfer and non-return of children abroad;
- (d) Specific measures taken to ensure the protection of children of incarcerated parents.
8. Please provide updated information about the progress and remaining challenges to extend universal vaccination coverage; prevent maternal and infant mortality; raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health among adolescents; address children's mental health and suicidal behaviour; prevent HIV/AIDS mother-to-child transmission and promote breastfeeding practices.
9. Please provide detailed information about:

¹ CRC/C/SUR/CO/3-4, para. 19.

(a) The quality and coverage of both the General Child Allowance and the school feeding program;

(b) The measures envisaged to ensure a child rights-based approach to environmental protection and climate change policies;

(c) Concrete steps taken to ensure the entry into force of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Participation and Justice in Environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazu Agreement).

10. Please provide updated information on the initial achievements and remaining challenges of the reform of the education system, the effective implementation of the National Education Policy 2024-2031 and the work of the Task Force on “Education in the Interior” in improving the access to and quality of education for all children, including children with disabilities and Indigenous and Maroon children.

11. Please provide updated information about:

(a) The status of the national migration policy plan and the concrete measures taken to protect asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children, particularly those who are unaccompanied;

(b) The concrete measures taken to complete the demarcation and titling of land that Indigenous peoples have traditionally used, occupied and owned;

(c) The magnitude of the issue of children in street situations, the root causes driving children onto the streets, and measures envisaged to ensure their protection and reintegration;

(d) The measures taken to specifically protect children from trafficking and to what extent are these measures coordinated with neighboring countries;

(e) Progress made under the Act on Labour of Children and Youth of 2018 and the National Action Plan to Combat Child Labor (2019-2024), including specific information on child labour in the mining, agriculture and fishery sectors.

12. With reference to the recommendations contained in the Committee’s concluding observations on the third and fourth combined periodic reports of the State party², please provide information about the concrete measures taken for their effective implementation and information about:

(a) Steps envisaged to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility;

(b) Whether the availability of alternative measures to detention is sufficient and, if applicable, what measures are envisaged to increase them;

(c) The improvement of detention conditions of children, including measures taken to establish separate facilities for children, in particular girls;

(d) The conditions of detention of children in the Opra Doeli and Nickerie pre-trial detention facilities and measures taken to improve these conditions.

² CRC/C/SUR/CO/3-4, para. 41.

Part II

13. The Committee invites the State party to provide a brief update (no more than three pages) on the information presented in its report about:

- (a) New bills or laws, and their respective regulations;
- (b) New institutions (and their mandates) or institutional reforms;
- (c) Recently introduced policies, programmes and action plans and their scope and financing;
- (d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

Part III

Data, statistics and other information, if available

14. Please provide consolidated information for the past three years on the budget lines regarding children and social sectors by indicating the percentage of each budget line in terms of the total national budget and the gross national product. Please also provide information on the geographic allocation of those resources.

15. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, migrant status, including Indigenous and Afro-descendent children, for the past three years, on:

- (a) Number of child victims of excessive use of force by law enforcement;
- (b) Number of child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, including sexual exploitation of children in prostitution, and the investigations carried out, prosecutions brought and sentences handed down in such cases;
- (c) Number of reported cases of corporal punishment and domestic violence against children;
- (d) Number of shelters for child victims of violence;
- (e) Number of children in child marriage;
- (f) Number and rate of teenage pregnancy;
- (g) Number of adolescents with sexually transmitted infections and living with HIV;
- (h) Number of children with suicidal behaviour receiving support;
- (i) Number of children living in street situation;
- (j) Number of children working in the mining, agricultural and fisheries sectors;
- (k) Number of children trafficked.

16. Please provide data disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, ethnic origin and geographic location regarding the situation of children deprived of a family environment, for the past three years, on the number of children:

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- (a) Number of reported cases of violence against children in alternative care settings, day care and schools;
- (b) Number of children placed in care institutions;
- (c) Number of children placed in foster care;
- (d) Number of children of incarcerated parents.
17. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, ethnic origin and geographic location, for the past three years, on the number of children with disabilities:
- (a) Living with their families;
- (b) Living in institutions;
- (c) Attending regular primary schools;
- (d) Attending regular secondary schools;
- (e) Attending special schools;
- (f) Out of school;
- (g) Abandoned by their families.
18. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, type of offence, ethnic and national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on children alleged as, accused of or recognized as having infringed criminal law who have been:
- (a) Arrested;
- (b) Referred to diversion programmes;
- (c) In pretrial detention, in Opra Doeli and Nickerie pre-trial detention facilities;
- (d) Serving a sentence in detention and the length of the sentence.
19. Please provide information on how the planning, implementation and monitoring of measures for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals integrate a child rights-based approach, including with regard to child participation and data collection, and how they promote the realization of children's rights under the Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto.
20. Please provide the Committee with an update of any data in the report that may have been outdated by more recent data collected or other new developments.
21. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be of priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.
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