

BRIEFING FROM GLOBAL INITIATIVE
TO END ALL CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN

BRIEFING FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA – second report (CCPR/C/MKD/2)

Corporal punishment is lawful in the **home**. Article 9 of the Law on Protection of Children (2000) prohibits corporal maltreatment, punishment and other inhuman treatment and abuse, but these terms have not been defined and the law has not been interpreted as prohibiting parental corporal punishment. Other protection is given by the Criminal Code (2004), the Family Code (2004) and the Constitution (1991).

Corporal punishment is prohibited in **schools**, the **penal system** and **alternative care settings**.

In 2000, following examination of the state party's initial report, the **Committee on the Rights of the Child** expressed concern at the continued use of corporal punishment in schools and other settings and recommended monitoring of its use in all contexts and awareness raising campaigns if its harmful effects particularly among parents (CRC/C/15/Add.118, paras. 23 and 24).