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

1. The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information, of 10,700 words maximum, by 15 February 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 provide information on measures taken to:

(a) Adopt a comprehensive national policy and strategy on children with dedicated resources that encompass all areas of the Convention;

(b) Monitor the implementation of the national action plan to implement the Committee's recommendations (2018-2022). Additionally specify the results of such monitoring, whether steps have been taken to publish the national action plan in the State Party's language and other languages spoken in the country, and whether any follow-up action plan has been developed after its expiry.

3. Please provide information on:

(a) The authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and local levels, and the measures taken to strengthen resource allocation to, and coordination between, such bodies and child protection authorities, including at local level;

(b) How civil society and children are involved in the work of those bodies and in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of laws, policies, plans and programmes relating to children's rights;

(c) The measures taken to financially support civil society initiatives and promote its independence;

(d) How the media are involved in promoting children's rights.

4. Please indicate the progress made in:

* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group on 21 October 2025.

(a) Conducting a comprehensive assessment of the budgetary needs for children and developing child rights budgeting with monitoring and evaluation systems for assessing and tracking the impact of resource allocations on children's rights;

(b) Establishing a comprehensive digital system to generate, collect and manage disaggregated data on children's rights, including regarding healthcare, alternative care, violence against children, children with disabilities, stateless children and children in conflict with the law.

(c) Specifying the impact of the training and awareness-raising initiatives¹ on knowledge of the Convention among children, their parents and relevant professionals.

5. Please provide information on the progress made to:

(a) Ensure compliance of Law N° 1890 of 19 July 2022 "On equality and elimination of all forms of discrimination" with Article 2 of the Convention and define discrimination in legislation, including with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity; ensure that children are informed about the law and its complaint mechanism; and specify the number and outcome of complaints submitted by children under this mechanism;

(b) End discrimination against girls, children with disabilities, children living in poverty and in rural areas, children living with HIV, Mughat (Luli), Pamiri and other minority children, migrant, asylum-seeking and refugee children, LGBTI children and other children in vulnerable situations, and ensure that they have access to quality healthcare, education and other essential social services;

(c) Enforce the children's right to be heard in legal proceedings that affect them, in accordance with the legislative amendments; and describe mechanisms to enforce the right of children to express their views and to ensure that these are given due weight, including in decision-making processes in public and at home.

6. Please provide information on the measures taken to:

(a) Address unregistered births and the lack of birth certificates, in particular regarding rural areas, parents without identity documents, Mughat (Luli) children, children born to unmarried parents and unattended births;

(b) End childhood statelessness, including through ratification of the Statelessness Conventions and legislative amendments;

(c) Bring the following restrictions in compliance with the Convention: (i) the restrictions on parental choice of names and surnames for their children; (ii) the prohibition of wearing non-traditional clothes; and (iii) the ban on "unlawful education, including unlawful religious education" and religious education abroad.

7. Please provide updated information on the measures taken to:

(a) Establish a legal and institutional framework, policy and strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against children, and special procedures to investigate sexual offences against children; establish a data collection system on gender-based violence, in cooperation with civil society and UNICEF; and provide training for judges on gender-based violence;

(b) Prevent filicide and maternal suicide and address the practice of sex-selective abortion favouring boys:

¹ See State Party's report CRC/C/TJK/6-7, paras. 39-47.

(c) Enforce the ban on corporal punishment in all settings, including at home, promote positive discipline and develop early intervention programmes for parents who abuse their children as an alternative to imprisonment;

(d) Establish services for recovery and reintegration and reporting mechanisms for child victims, including those with disabilities and those living with HIV/AIDS;

(e) Raise public awareness of the right of children to be protected from all forms of violence and abuse, including from caregivers, and establish an early warning and case management system.

8. Please provide updated information on:

(a) The status of the child protection reform and the timeline for developing community-based family support services to prevent institutionalisation, with particular attention to poor households, single mothers, families with children with disabilities, children of migrant workers and refugee children without family care;

(b) The situation of children left behind by parents, including children born to unmarried parents and those of parents working abroad, and the measures taken to support such children;

(c) The current state of institutional care, the placement mechanism and criteria, in the light of the information about the transformation of children's homes;

(d) The status of foster care and support available for children leaving care;

(e) Mechanisms to review placements and to monitor the conditions and the quality of alternative care and on child-friendly channels for reporting abuse in alternative care with information on reported cases and their outcome;

(f) Aligning the definition of disability with international human rights standards, implementing the human rights-based approach to disability and ensuring access to essential services, support systems and inclusive education for children with disabilities;

(g) Support provided to children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families.

9. Please provide information on the impact of the measures taken on:

(a) Access to primary healthcare during childhood and motherhood, including ante-natal and neonatal care and immunisation coverage, especially in rural areas; and specify whether compulsory health insurance coverage was introduced;

(b) Eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV and ensuring access to free early testing and treatment;

(c) Access to healthy and nutritious food during childhood and motherhood, the levels of micronutrient deficiency, stunting, obesity and underweight and the sale of unhealthy food in schools;

(d) Preventing and treating tuberculosis, including drug-resistant tuberculosis, in children;

(e) Promoting exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months of life and ensuring access to breast milk substitutes for HIV-positive mothers;

(f) Mental health issues, including suicide, among children and adolescents and availability of mental health support services, including mental health centers for adolescent girls, to prevent the very high number of suicide cases;

- (g) Prevalence of substance abuse among children and adolescents, including new psychoactive substances;
- (h) The enforcement of mandatory sexual and reproductive health education in schools, pursuant to the Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights Act (2015);
- (i) HIV prevalence among children and the measures taken to address HIV infections in hospital environment and to support children living with HIV/AIDS;
- (j) Preventing and reducing the incidence of HIV, STIs and adolescent pregnancy and ensuring confidential access to treatment, contraceptives and safe abortion;
- (k) Access to safe drinking water and sanitation and to menstrual hygiene management in schools;
- (l) Protection of children from natural disasters and prevention of deaths due to natural disasters.

10. Please provide information on:

- (a) The status of the educational reform, including the implementation of competency-based education and digital transformation, strengthening teacher training and increasing budgetary allocations;
- (b) Strengthening vocational education, developing updated curriculum and increasing incentives and support for girls;
- (c) The measures taken to expand pre-school, reduce school dropout, particularly with regard to girls, rural areas and after the 9th grade, and to lower the cost of higher education to allow parents to enroll their daughters alongside their sons;
- (d) The measures taken to integrate minority language courses into the education system;
- (e) Compliance of the requirement to present a negative test for HIV to enrol children in educational institutions with article 2 of the Convention.

11. Please provide information on:

- (a) The situation of children in street situation and the measures taken to identify the causes, prevent and address this phenomenon and provide children with support and reintegration;
- (b) The measures taken to cease police raids leading to detention of children in street situation, alternatives to detention and progress in decriminalising status offences;
- (c) The results of the efforts made to eliminate and strengthen the monitoring of child labour, including in cotton harvesting;
- (d) The measures taken to improve the identification of child victims of trafficking, to prevent and eliminate child trafficking and to improve services for child victims;
- (e) The measures taken to ensure access to essential services, specialised assistance and asylum procedures for refugee, asylum-seeking and unaccompanied migrant children, and to protect them from exploitation and abuse. Additionally, please comment on reports of detention and deportation of asylum-seeking and refugee children and families; specify whether detention and deportation of asylum-seeking and refugee children is legal and if so, in which circumstances.

12. Please provide information on:

(a) The progress in the implementation of the Justice System Reform Program for Children (2023-2027), including the number of courts and judges and other specialized professionals for children and child-friendly rooms in courts;

(b) Alternatives to detention and reasons for the reported increase in pre- and post-trial detention;

(c) The implementation of legal aid and specialised assistance requirements;

(d) Strengthening recovery, assistance and reintegration services;

(e) Protecting child victims and witnesses of crime.

13. Please provide updated information on the measures taken to:

(a) Address the reports of torture and ill-treatment of children by law-enforcement authorities including to obtain self-incriminating statements in the course of criminal proceedings. Provide statistics on prosecutions and the sentences imposed on the perpetrators;

(b) Enable the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights to monitor all places where children are deprived of their liberty, including institutions and alternative care, and with regard to the ban on solitary confinement for children and their detention with adults. Describe the results of such monitoring;

(c) Establish a child-friendly mechanism for complaints related to deprivation of liberty, conditions of detention, internment or ill-treatment. Provide information on the complaints received and their outcome.

14. Please provide updated information on the measures taken to implement the Committee's previous recommendations on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. In particular, please indicate whether the specific offences, such as "procuring child prostitution," "possessing child pornography" and "sale of children" - which is distinct from trafficking - are covered under the national criminal law.

15. Please provide updated information on the measures taken to implement the Committee's previous recommendations on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. In particular, please indicate the body responsible for coordinating the activities under the Optional Protocol and the measures taken to:

(a) Ensure that students of military schools are not trained in the use of weapons before the age of 18;

(b) Explicitly prohibit and criminalize the recruitment of children under the age of 15 as a war crime and the recruitment and use of children under 18 years of age in hostilities;

(d) Ensure that children are not affected by landmines and provide information on the assistance provided to child victims;

(e) Improve data coordination in relation to repatriated families and establish targeted educational support for children repatriated from conflict zones.

Part II

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

(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

17. 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.

18. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographic location, type of disability, and socioeconomic status, during the past three years, on:

(a) Cases of abuse of and violence against children, including torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, all forms of corporal punishment, child sexual abuse in and outside the home, domestic violence, bullying and online and sexual violence and abuse, as well as prosecutions and sentences handed down in the State party in such cases;

- (b) Children who had accessed recovery and integration services since 2017;
- (c) Children who had accessed reporting mechanisms since 2017;
- (d) Child deaths due to accidents, abuse and suicide;
- (e) Children living with HIV/AIDS;
- (f) Cases of child marriage and teenage pregnancy;
- (g) Children left behind by migrant parents working abroad;
- (h) Stateless children;
- (i) Asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children, including those in detention;
- (j) Children belonging to Mughat (Luli), Pamiri and other minorities;
- (k) Working children, including in the informal sector;
- (l) Child victims of trafficking;
- (m) Children in street situations;
- (n) Children living in poverty;
- (o) Cases of sexual violence;
- (p) Cases of filicide and maternal suicide;

19. Please provide data disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, type of disability, 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:

- (a) Separated from their families, including the duration of their separation;
- (b) Placed in institutions, as well as the number of institutions and data on the children placed in each institution, disaggregated by age and sex;

- (c) Placed with foster families;
- (d) Available for adoption;
- (e) Adopted domestically.

20. 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 pre-school;
- (d) Attending regular primary schools;
- (e) Attending regular secondary schools;
- (f) Receiving individualised support;
- (g) Attending special schools;
- (h) Out of school;
- (i) Abandoned by their families.

21. 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) Placed in pretrial detention;
- (d) Detained with adults;
- (e) Convicted and are serving a sentence in detention, indicating the length of the sentence in each case.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.