

youBRIEFING FROM THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE
TO END ALL CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN

**BRIEFING ON ISRAEL FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

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ISRAEL (fourth and fifth reports – CEDAW/C/ISR/4 and CEDAW/C/ISR/5)

Corporal punishment is prohibited in the **home**. In 2000, the Supreme Court ruled against all violence in childrearing (*Natalie Bako v The State*). The “reasonable chastisement” defence was removed from criminal law the same year.

Corporal punishment is prohibited in schools under the Students’ Rights Law (2000). It is also unlawful in the penal system and in alternative care settings.

In its concluding observations on the state party’s initial report in 2002, the **Committee on the Rights of the Child** welcomed the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings and recommended public education campaigns on the negative consequences of ill-treatment of children and the promotion of positive, non-violent forms of discipline (CRC/C/15/Add.195, paras. 3 and 39).

We hope the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women will recommend that the government of Israel implements the prohibition on all corporal punishment of boys and girls through continued public education and professional training on positive, participatory and non-violent forms of discipline.