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**Violence Against Children
in
EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA**

Violence Against Children in the Work Place

DATABASE

**from national NGO coalitions reports to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
1990-2005**

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Context: This table has been formed using NGO coalition alternative reports that can be found on the CRIN website. Hopefully the table will serve a visual tool to easily see and assess what is and is not being reported on in this region. Just because there isn't any indication of a certain kind of violence in a certain sector of life does not mean it doesn't exist, it may just be unreported. *While you will find the table for one sector of life below, tables for each sector of life are available (Home and Family, Institutions, Education, or Community and Place of Work).* Please reference the actual NGO alternative reports for further, more detailed information. Hopefully this table will aid in encouraging countries and NGO coalitions to report on violence in all sectors of life. Please, contact the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child for an electronic version of the database.

Methodology: Through this table we are able to categorically plot and track violence against children that is being recorded in national NGO coalition reports. The goal of this table is to be able to better analyze what forms of violence against children have been reported to take place and where (from the family to the community, country and world region).

In the left vertical column are listed the countries that have ratified the CRC, come before the Committee and for which a national NGO coalition report has been prepared and submitted.

Across the top, horizontally, are listed:

- Country
- Date report was published
- Date of the last CRC that the Committee addressed the given country
- State Party Reference
- Link to CRIN with access to the NGO coalition report used in making the table

Continuing across the top, according to setting, the following categories are addressed:

- General Information on Violence Against Children Report
- Violence in Home and Family Settings (overall comments):
 - Corporal Punishment
 - Child Abuse
 - Harmful Traditional Practices
 - Neglect
- Violence in Institutional Settings (overall comments):
 - Care System
 - Correctional Institution
 - Shelters
 - Disabled Persons
- Violence in Educational Settings (overall comments):
 - Violent Discipline
 - Verbal Abuse
 - Violence in Military Schools
 - Peer Bullying
- Violence in the Community (overall comments):
 - Trafficking
 - Law Enforcement
 - Judiciary Process
 - Sexual Exploitation
- Violence and Compromising Situations in the Work Place (overall comments):
 - Domestic Labor
 - Child Labor
 - Trafficking
 - Streets

Countries	Date Published	Dates of CRC	CRC Session	State Party Reference	Link to CRIN	Violence and Compromising Situations in the Work Place	Domestic	Child Labor	Trafficking	Street
Albania	August 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/11/Add.27	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.38/Albania_ngo_report.pdf	It is thought that the number of the Albanian children trafficked in Europe for sexual and economical exploitation is estimated between 3000 – 5000 children. Child Laborers and street children are prominent in the country. 17 % of drop outs needed to work to support their families. Approximately 50 thousand children work at least part or full time.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andorra					not available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Armenia	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/93/Add.6	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.35/armenia_ngo_report.doc	Limited information on violence though poverty drives some to begging on the streets or into other compromising situations.	No	No	No	Yes
Austria	January 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/83/Add.8	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.38/Austria_ngo_report(E).doc	Little information about VAC.	No	No	Yes	No
Azerbaijan					No report available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Belarus					No report available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Belgium	September 2001	20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/83/Add.2	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.30/belgium_coal_ngo_report_eng.doc	Little information about VAC.	No	No	No	No
Bosnia and Herzegovina					http://www.crin.org/resources/tr eaties/listType.asp?type=ctry	Newest report has been recently published but is not yet available in electronic form. Please check www.crin.org periodically for an electronic report.	No	No	No	No
Bulgaria						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Croatia	unknown	13 September - 1 October 2004	37	CRC/C/70/Add.23	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.37/Croatia_ngo_report(E).doc	Little information about VAC.	No	No	Yes	No
Cyprus						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Czech Republic	September 2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/83/Add.4	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.32/Czech_LHR_ngo_report.doc	Child prostitution is a problem. Little information about other forms of violence in work places.	No	No	No	Yes
Denmark					http://www.crin.org/resources/tr eaties/listType.asp?type=ctry	Newest report has been recently published but is not yet available in electronic form. Please check www.crin.org periodically for an electronic report.	No	No	No	No
Estonia	2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/8/Add.44	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.32/Estonia_ngo_report.doc	The unemployment rate among young people in Estonia was 23,9% in the year 2000 (among the whole population 13,7%). Little said about child labor.	No	No	No	No
Finland		18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/70/Add.3	http://www.crin.org/resources/tr eaties/listType.asp?type=ctry	Newest report has been recently published but is not yet available in electronic form. Please check www.crin.org periodically for an electronic report.	No	No	No	No
France	March	17 May - 4	36	CRC/C/65/Add.26	www.alobenet.org/enfant/dei_fr	Some children work in the agricultural sector. There are street children in	No	Yes	No	Yes

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	2003	June 2004			ance_rapport_2002.zip	France, some who openly admit to having to send 50 Euros back to their home country each month. There are an estimated 8000 minors who prostitute themselves in France. A modern form of slavery is found in do-it-all house maids who are often minors.				
Georgia	March 2003	15 September - 03 October 2003	34	CRC/C/104/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.34/georgia_ngo_report.doc	Extremely impoverished families sometimes force their children to earn their living by begging, carry out unsuitable work of markets or nightclubs. Half (50%) of total prostitution is represented by the prostitution in adolescents.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Germany	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/83/Add.7	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.35/Germany_Coalition_ngo_report.doc	Little information provided about the work place.	No	No	No	No
Greece	May 31, 2001	14 January - 1 February 2002	29	CRC/C/28/Add.17	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.29/greece_ngo_report.doc	Child labor does exist in Greece. But it is very hard even to estimate how many child laborers exist, since in Greece -as in the rest of Europe- child labor is not open to the "public eye". Illicit transfer of minors could involve trafficking of minors, sexual and/or labor exploitation. Efforts are being made regarding the implementation of the ratified Hague Convention (1980) concerning civil law issues on child abduction, but there are still a lot of difficulties in practice. Presence of around 3,000 children and young persons involved in prostitution and the forced provision of sexual services, many of whom are trafficked into the country.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hungary	unknown	18 May - 5 June 1998	18	CRC/C/8/Add.34	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.18/Hungary_NGO_Report.pdf	Little information provided about the work place.	No	No	No	No
Iceland	unknown	January 2003	32	CRC/C/83/Add.5	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.32/Iceland_ngo_report.doc	A report on prostitution published in spring 2001 by the Ministry of Justice shows evidence of child prostitution.	No	No	No	Yes
Ireland		5 to 23 January 1998	17	CRC/C/11/Add.12	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.17/Ireland_SmallVoices_NGO_Report.pdf	The 1996 Labor Force Survey indicated that there are 61,700 persons aged between 15 and 19 in the labor force (14 % of the age group). Although there is legislation in place to protect young people in employment from exploitation there are no effective measures of enforcement in place. There is evidence of an increasing number of children working as prostitutes on the streets of Dublin and the problem has also emerged in Dundalk, north of Dublin. The problem is linked to issues of poverty, homelessness and drugs. Children as young as 12 are reportedly being used as prostitutes in Dublin and other provincial towns.	No	Yes	No	Yes
Italy	November 2001	January 2003	32	CRC/C/70/Add.13	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.32/Italy_nqowg_report.doc	The public perception of juvenile prostitution in Italy is informed by the presence of girls walking the streets of almost all towns. However, in addition, there is a significant problem of male child prostitution, and girls working in clubs, night clubs or private apartments, although people are generally unaware of its existence. It is not easy to identify the precise number of child workers because they operate in a hidden and unstable world. The practice of begging, which is also acknowledged as one of the worst forms of exploitative child labour, is widespread amongst gypsy and East European children at traffic lights.	No	Yes	No	Yes
Kazakhstan	unknown	19 May - 6 June 2003	33	CRC/C/41/Add.13	www.crin.org/docs/resources/traities/crc.33/Kazakhstan_ngo_report.doc	Child is beaten at home, starved, left in cold house for several days without supervision and help. Sometimes Some of the practices include forcing a child to make living through prostitution, beaqina. Sometimes	No	No	No	No

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						children are exploited at the crop plantations. Indifference of society towards the issue of the child prostitution made it easier to use sex services of young girls both for sex traders and adult clients. The society is rather tolerant to an adult man that pays about 50 tenge (0.3 USD) for sexual services of a minor girl. His actions are viewed as a standard.				
Kyrgyzstan	April 2004	13 September - 1 October 2004	37	CRC/C/104/Add.4	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.37/kyrgyzstan_ngo_report.doc	Street children have a hard time finding a safe place to live. Many girls end up in prostitution after institutional care.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia	unknown	8-26 January 2001	26	CRC/C/11/Add.22	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/CRC.26/Latvia_ngo_report.pdf	Little information about children working. There are street children.	No	No	No	No
Liechtenstein						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Lithuania						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Luxembourg	unknown	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/104/Add.5	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.38/Luxembourg_ngo_report.doc	Little information about violence in the work place provided other than the presence of discrimination.	No	No	No	No
Malta						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Monaco							No	No	No	No
Netherlands	May 2003	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/117/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.35/Netherlands_coalition_ngo_report.doc	In 1998 1500 girls were thought to be prostituting themselves and in 2001 1500 boys were thought to be prostituting themselves. Children are sometimes exported to the Netherlands for the purposes of sexual exploitation. No further information on child workers.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Norway		15 May - 2 June 2000	24	CRC/C/70/Add.2	http://www.crin.org/resources/tr eaties/listType.asp?type=ctry	Newest report has been recently published but is not yet available in electronic form. Please check www.crin.org periodically for an electronic report.	No	No	No	No
Poland	unknown	16 September - 4 October 2002	31	CRC/C/70/Add.12	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.31/Poland_ngo_report_eng.doc	Child prostitution is present. "La Strada" Foundation and Foundation "A child" have data confirming trafficking of children in Poland.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Portugal	May 1995	30 October - 17 November 1995	10	CRC/C/3/Add.30	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.10/Portugal_NGO_Report.pdf	Little information about violence in the work place.	No	No	No	No
Moldova (Republic of)	2002	16 September - 4 October 2002	31	CRC/C/28/Add.18	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.31/Moldova_ngo_report.doc	According to the MICS survey, currently 37% of the children in Moldova perform some kind of work. Working children are less likely to attend school, and more likely to drop out of school. Because of that tendency, children may fall into a vicious circle of poverty and despondency. Law enforcement authorities are identifying a growing number of cases of prostitution among minors. During these last years, Moldova has been included in the international network of illegal trafficking with human	No	No	Yes	Yes

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						beings, that has become a well organized and extensive phenomenon, most of the persons who are the victims of trafficking for prostitution being women.				
Romania	2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/65/Add.19	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.32/Romania_Federat ion_ngo_report.doc	The Romanian legislation on child labor prohibits any form of employment of children under 15. Unemployment rate for young people is still at high levels: 20.8% in 1998 compared to 19.4% in 1996. The number of the unemployed aged under 25 was of 44.6% of the total unemployed in 1998. Children were recorded begging, prostituting themselves, stealing, selling goods, etc.. NGOs have become concient of the illegal traveling and kidnapping of unaccompanied children (trafficking).	No	No	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation		20 September - 8 October 1999	22	CRC/C/65/Add.5	http://www.crin.org/resources/tr eaties/listType.asp?type=ctry	Newest report has been recently published but is not yet available in electronic form. Please check www.crin.org periodically for an electronic report.	No	No	No	No
San Marino		15 September - 03 October 2003	34	CRC/C/8/Add.46	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.34/SanMarino_CSC S_ngo_report.doc	n/a	No	No	No	No
Serbia and Montenegro						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Slovakia	unknown	18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/11/Add.17	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.25/slovakNGOreport 1.doc	Unemployment exists amongst youth. Little information on those who work and their conditions of work.	No	No	No	No
Slovenia	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/70/Add.19	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.35/Slovenia_ngo_rep ort.doc	Unaccompanied children risk becoming part of the slave trade and sexual exploitation.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Spain		20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/70/Add.9	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.30/spain_plataforma_ngo_report_eng.doc	Sexual tourism. Some children complement family economy: small activities as apprentices in various jobs such as street trading, harassment to tourists or, even, mendicity. Family run agricultural businesses keep children from attending school regularly.	Yes	No	No	Yes
Sweden	June 1, 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/125/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.38/Sweden_ngo_rep ort_NC.doc	Little information about children workers.	No	No	No	No
Switzerland	unknown	20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/78/Add.3	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.30/swiss_ngo_report_ eng.doc	Little information provided on VAC.	No	No	No	No
Tajikistan	April 2000	18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/28/Add.14	www.crin.org/docs/resources/tr eaties/crc.25/tajikistanNGOrep ort.doc	By unofficial data, 45%-55% of children aged 10-14 years do physical work. In rural areas the percentage of such children is 60-75. Low salaries in the agricultural sector forces the parents to involve their children in the work. Oppressed by hard work and the poor living conditions children leave their homes, mostly for the large cities in the country, and sometimes out of the country, in search of a better life. Once in a city, they take to begging or street trade.	Yes	No	No	Yes

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Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of)	multiple	10 - 28 January 2000	23	CRC/C/8/Add.36	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_MNC_ngo_report.pdf www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_Medjasi_ngo_report.pdf www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_HRW_ngo_report.pdf	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_MNC_ngo_report.pdf www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_Medjasi_ngo_report.pdf www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.23/Macedonia_HRW_ngo_report.pdf	No	No	No	No
Turkey						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Turkmenistan						No report available on the CRIN	No	No	No	No
Ukraine	January 1995	30 October - 17 November 1995	10	CRC/C/8/Add.10/Rev.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.10/Ukraine_NGO_Report.pdf	At the same time, there is an increasing number of children in the streets and railway stations who beg or who are in the presence of adult beggars.	No	Yes	No	No
United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland	multiple	16 September - 4 October 2002	31	CRC/C/83/Add.3	http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/list.asp?ID=225&type=country www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.31/CRC_England_2002.pdf www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.31/UK_ngo_report.doc www.sacr.org.uk/artman/publish/article_50.shtml www.crin.org/	The U.K. NGO system has split their reporting into four reports, one for each of the four main regions. For more information please reference the full reports directly.	No	No	No	No
Uzbekistan	2001	24 September - 12 October 2001	28	CRC/C/41/Add.8	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.28/Uzbekistan.doc	Child economic exploitation in Uzbekistan was and still is mainly associated with cotton harvesting season when children are taken from schools to work in cotton fields. During the cotton harvesting season classes in rural schools and provincial higher educational institutions are usually cancelled and those who refuse to work in the fields are subject to academic punishment. Child prostitution is an existing problem in Uzbekistan. However, there is no official data about the age and percentage of children involved in prostitution. Street children and children in institutions, such as orphanages are often coerced in to prostitution, either voluntarily or by force. Street girls and children in prisons can often be subject to sexual abuse practised by the prison staff or by their elder peers.	No	Yes	No	Yes