

NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child
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**Violence Against Children
in
EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA**

General Information on Violence Against Children Report

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	General Information on VAC in the report
Albania	August 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/11/Add.27	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.38/Albania_ngo_report.pdf	Child labor and child trafficking, street children, children in conflict with law and child abuse are the most striking phenomenon in Albania. Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe, thus between 40-60 percent of population is living with less than 1 USD per day. The budget of government at central and local levels does not include a specific budget to cover children; nevertheless children in Albania make up almost 40% of population.
Andorra					not available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN
Armenia	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/93/Add.6	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.35/armenia_ngo_report.doc	This report is very focused on legislative advances and needs. The report does not include information on cases of violence against children. Armeanians struggle financially.
Austria	January 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/83/Add.8	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.38/Austria_ngo_report(E).doc	There is still urgent need for improvement in several child rights areas, such as: treatment of child refugees, juveniles in conflict with the law, (risk of) child poverty, prevention of violence and abuse etc.
Azerbaijan					No report available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN
Belarus					No report available on the CRIN	No report available on the CRIN
Belgium	September 2001	20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/83/Add.2	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.30/belgium_coal_ngo_report_eng.doc	Report is very law oriented. Summary of NGO suggestions on final pages of report. Little information on actual violence against children.
Bosnia and Herzegovina					http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/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.
Bulgaria						No report available on the CRIN
Croatia	unknown	13 September - 1 October 2004	37	CRC/C/70/Add.23	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.37/Croatia_ngo_report(E).doc	Education is a hot topic as far as the equal inclusion of ethnic minorities and disabled persons. Violence is present. Less information on VAC provided in other spheres of life.
Cyprus						No report available on the CRIN
Czech Republic	September 2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/83/Add.4	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.32/Czech_LHR_ngo_report.doc	Violence in the family, institutions, and school is prevalent and in many cases preventable. Report includes numerous case studies.
Denmark					http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/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.
Estonia	2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/8/Add.44	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.32/Estonia_ngo_report.doc	55,3% of the respondents had experienced abuse – from general taunting to sexual harassment.
Finland		18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/70/Add.3	http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/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.
France	March 2003	17 May - 4 June 2004	36	CRC/C/65/Add.26	www.globenet.org/enfant/dei_france_rapport_2002.zip	A very global and over arching report with information pertaining directly to the French situation occasionally interjected. In 2001, 18000 children were abused and a total of 85500 children were declared at risk.

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Georgia	March 2003	15 September - 03 October 2003	34	CRC/C/104/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.34/georgia_ngo_report.doc	Children's rights are not protected and proper legislative acts are not realized. The economic crisis and conflicts caused fragmentation of the community, weakness of social protection system and destruction of social services.
Germany	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/83/Add.7	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.35/Germany_Coalition_ngo_report.doc	The National Coalition is concerned that the majority of recommendations and suggestions expressed in the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on Germany's First Report (at the 259th meeting on 17 November 1995) have not yet been implemented and, in some areas, the Federal Government has not acknowledged the deficits mentioned there.
Greece	May 31, 2001	14 January - 1 February 2002	29	CRC/C/28/Add.17	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.29/greece_ngo_report.doc	Violence in the home, neglect of disabled children, trafficking and sexual abuse are issues among others. It should be noted that 19.5% of Greeks live under the minimum poverty standard. Sexual abuse is still a social taboo, with the majority of cases in hiding. Little information about the education system provided.
Hungary	unknown	18 May - 5 June 1998	18	CRC/C/8/Add.34	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.18/Hungary_NGO_Report.pdf	Comprehensive information about discrimination of Roma students, especially in the education system. Little information about other sectors of life (family, work, etc).
Iceland	unknown	January 2003	32	CRC/C/83/Add.5	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.32/Iceland_ngo_report.doc	Report mentions sexual abuse and discrimination. All environments not given equal attention.
Ireland		5 to 23 January 1998	17	CRC/C/11/Add.12	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.17/Ireland_SmallVoices_NGO_Report.pdf	The financial situation of many families in Ireland can become dangerous to a child's welfare. Prostitution is on the rise and 14% of children aged 15 - 19 leave school to work.
Italy	November 2001	January 2003	32	CRC/C/70/Add.13	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.32/Italy_ngowg_report.doc	Child abuse, prostitution, and children working are the target issues in Italy. Much work is being done to combat sexual tourism and harmful traditional practices outside Italian borders.
Kazakhstan	unknown	19 May - 6 June 2003	33	CRC/C/41/Add.13	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.33/Kazakhstan_ngo_report.doc	According to sociological research "vast majority of experts believe that the level of violence against children had reached a critically high level. From 60 to 80% of children fall victims of violent actions of parents, adults, police officers and the stronger children of the same age. Violence is so wide-spread that it is totally out of control.
Kyrgyzstan	April 2004	13 September - 1 October 2004	37	CRC/C/104/Add.4	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.37/kyrgyzstan_ngo_report.doc	Torture is wide spread. There is wide mistrust of the police. Access of information by civil society is limited. "The government proclaims human rights as a basis of national policy, but in practice it makes no real effort to implement these claims." International law is only defined as "part of national legislation in the Constitution. Government has no rehabilitation program for children who are victims of violence.
Latvia	unknown	8-26 January 2001	26	CRC/C/11/Add.22	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/CRC.26/Latvia_ngo_report.pdf	Although only about 10-20% of children in the country are practically healthy, adequate food is provided only for 20-30% of children, thousands of children do not attend school and are not even officially registered as being out of school, for thousands of children (10-15) their health and life is endangered in their own families, and there is no real movement under the state policies towards elimination of such gross violations of children's rights, which is in contradiction with all international standards of human rights.
Liechtenstein						No report available on the CRIN
Lithuania						No report available on the CRIN
Luxembourg	unknown	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/104/Add.5	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.38/Luxembourg_ngo_report.doc	Report in FRENCH. Information about violence in educational settings provided.

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Malta						No report available on the CRIN
Monaco						No report available on the CRIN
Netherlands	May 2003	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/117/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.35/Netherlands_coalition_ngo_report.doc	The Netherlands is one of the world's wealthiest countries but, at the same time, one of the most densely populated: plenty of money and not enough space. This thorough report exposes the multitude of harsh realities present in even the wealthiest of countries.
Norway		15 May - 2 June 2000	24	CRC/C/70/Add.2	http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/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.
Poland	unknown	16 September - 4 October 2002	31	CRC/C/70/Add.12	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.31/Poland_ngo_report_eng.doc	The biggest children's problem in Poland is violence at home and state helplessness towards providing protection for children. Sexual abuse, fear in the education system, overflow of institutions, and discrimination towards handicapped persons and minorities is also prominent.
Portugal	May 1995	30 October - 17 November 1995	10	CRC/C/3/Add.30	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.10/Portugal_NGO_Report.pdf	Report focuses on encouraging implementation and on AIDS in the community. Little information specific to violence in the various settings.
Moldova (Republic of)	2002	16 September - 4 October 2002	31	CRC/C/28/Add.18	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.31/Moldova_ngo_report.doc	67.4% of children have been exposed to at least one form of abuse. Children with disabilities, children of the street, children with HIV/AIDS are the categories that are most frequently exposed to discrimination, because they have no or only limited access to education, health care and social integration. At the end of 1997, it was calculated that almost one-quarter of the population lived below the food poverty line. The average daily consumption in 1998 was 1980 calories per person, which is 5% less than the Food Assistance Organization minimum for basic functioning, and less than 80% of the required daily intake of 2500 calories for normal functioning.
Romania	2002	January 2003	32	CRC/C/65/Add.19	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.32/Romania_Federation_ngo_report.doc	In 1999, 41.2% of Romania's population was living under the poverty line, which is defined as the level under which less than 60% of the basic needs of a household are met. As for 2000, statistics show an increase up to 43%. This negative indicator has direct repercussions upon children; 80% of the families with more than three children live under the poverty line, in these families living over 50% of Romanian children.
Russian Federation		20 September - 8 October 1999	22	CRC/C/65/Add.5	http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/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.
San Marino		15 September - 03 October 2003	34	CRC/C/8/Add.46	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.34/San_Marino_CSCS_ngo_report.doc	Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers is the only report available.
Serbia and Montenegro						No report available on the CRIN
Slovakia	unknown	18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/11/Add.17	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.25/slovakNGOreport1.doc	The objective of this Report was to stress the problems which should be tackled step by step in near future. That said, some problems were hinted at through suggestions for improvement, but little information was actually provided on the state of children, and more specifically, VAC.
Slovenia	unknown	12 - 30 January 2004	35	CRC/C/70/Add.19	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.35/Slovenia_ngo_report.doc	Poverty, legal barriers for asylum seekers, and discrimination against Roma children plague the country. Little information provided about the violence against children.

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Spain		20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/70/Add.9	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.30/spain_plataforma_ngo_report_eng.doc	Little information specific to violence against children.
Sweden	June 1, 2004	10 - 28 January 2005	38	CRC/C/125/Add.1	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.38/Sweden_ngo_report_NC.doc	NGO report provides insight and questions from children. NGOs are critical of state report format. Need for disbursement of knowledge about the UN CRC. Some violence against children.
Switzerland	unknown	20 May - 7 June 2002	30	CRC/C/78/Add.3	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.30/swiss_ngo_report_eng.doc	Due to the lack of supplementary benefits increasing numbers of families in Switzerland are being pushed close to the poverty line. The child is turning more and more into a poverty risk for the family. Between 100 000 and 190 000 children, that is between 7 and 12% of all minors, are affected by the shortage of financial means.
Tajikistan	April 2000	18 September - 6 October 2000	25	CRC/C/28/Add.14	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.25/tajikistanNGOreport.doc	Poverty and the Civil War of 1992 still haunt the country. Children are forced to work and give up education and families are often not able to support or care for their children.
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
Turkey						No report available on the CRIN
Turkmenistan						No report available on the CRIN
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	**Attention: report and information therein published a decade ago** Every year, Ukraine loses 16,000 children aged 14 and under as a result of trauma, suicide, murder, and so on. Every day, an average of 32 children 12,000 children per year are found abandoned, lost or forgotten. It is a pity that almost half of them are under the age of 7. As a result, 84,500 orphans and children are placed in state institutions.
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=ctry 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/do	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.
Uzbekistan	2001	24 September - 12 October 2001	28	CRC/C/41/Add.8	www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/crc.28/Uzbekistan.doc	Extreme poverty influences everything from malnutrition to education to violence in Uzbekistan.