

# Convention on the rights of the child



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### **Article 1**

A child is every human being below the age of eighteen years old. Every child has the following rights.

### **Article 2**

You have the right to be protected without discrimination of any kind : race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

### **Article 3**

In all actions concerning you, your best interests shall be a primary consideration.

### **Article 4**

Your State shall adopt all appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures for the implementation of the rights recognized in the Convention.

### **Article 5**

You have the right to appropriate direction and guidance by your parents, family and community.

# LIFE AND IDENTITY

## Article 6

You have the right to life.

## Article 7

You have the right from birth to a name, to acquire a nationality and to be cared for by your parents.

## Article 8

You have the right to preserve your identity.

## Article 9

You can't be separated from your parents against your will, unless such separation is necessary for your best interest.

## Article 10

If your parents live in different States you have the right to maintain on a regular basis, personal relations and direct contacts with both parents.

## Article 11

You have the right to be protected from illicit transfer and non-return abroad.



The illustration shows three cartoon children with large eyes and rosy cheeks peeking over the top and left edges of a large green rectangular sign. The child at the top center has a pink hair curl and a yellow and black feathered headpiece. The child on the left has a yellow and black feathered headpiece. The child at the bottom left has a yellow and black feathered headpiece. The background is a bright blue sky and green grass.

## PARTICIPATION AND PROTAGONISM

### **Article 12**

You have the right to express your views freely.

### **Article 13**

You have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, in writing or in print, in the form of art in respect of the rights of reputations of others.

### **Article 14**

Your State shall respect your right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion under the direction of your parents.

### **Article 15**

You have the right to freedom of association and to freedom of peaceful assembly in conformity with the law for the protection of the right and freedom of others.

### **Article 16**

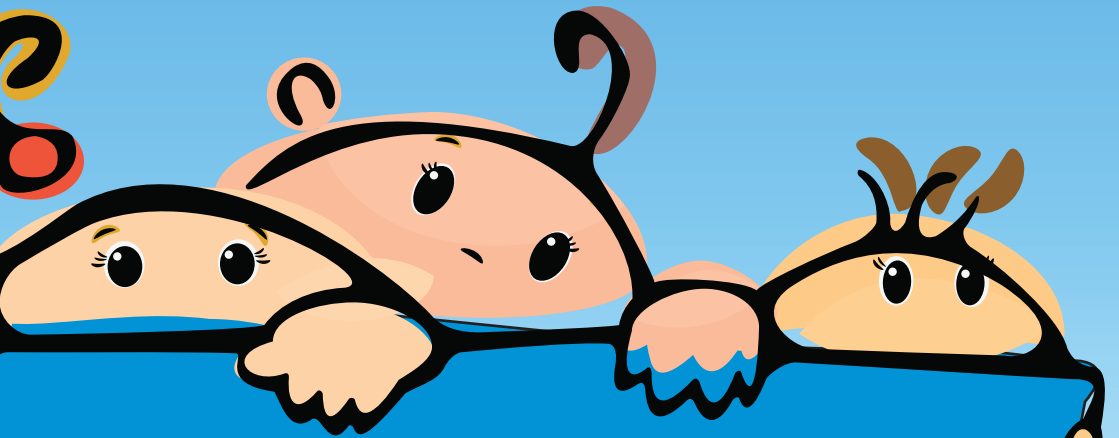
You have the right to be protected from any form of interference with your privacy, home, family and correspondence.

### **Article 17**

You have the right to access to information from national and international sources. You have the right to be protected from information and material injurious to your well-being.

### **Article 18**

Your parents have common responsibilities for your upbringing and development; your best interest will be their basic concern.



## PROTECTION

### **Article 19**

You have the right to be protected from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse.

### **Article 20**

If you are temporarily or permanently deprived of your family, you have the right to special protection and assistance by the State.

### **Article 21**

In case of adoption your best interests shall be the paramount consideration.

### **Article 22**

You have the right to receive appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance if you are refugee.

### **Article 23**

If you are mentally or physically disabled, you have the right to a full and decent life, to special care and to social integration and individual development.

# HEALTH

## **Article 24**

You have the right to the highest attainable standard of health and to the treatment of illnesses.

## **Article 25**

If you need care, protection or treatment for your physical or mental health, you have the right to regular review of the treatment.

## **Article 26**

You have the right to benefit from social security, including social insurance.

## **Article 27**

You have the right to a standard of living adequate for your physical, mental, spiritual and social and moral development. Your parents have the primary responsibility to secure this right.



# EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## Article 28

You have the right to education.

## Article 29

You have the right to have education which can develop your personality, talents, mental and physical ability in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance and friendship among all people.

## Article 30

If you belong to ethnic, religious or linguist minorities you have the right to enjoy your own culture, to profess and practise your own religion or to use your own language.



## PLAY AND FREETIME

### Art.31

You have the right to rest and leisure, to play and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.



# PROTECTION AGAINST EXPLOITATION

## **Article 32**

You have the right to be protected from any work that can be hazardous or interfere with your education or can be bad for your health

## **Article 33**

You have the right to be protected from the illicit use and trafficking of drugs.

## **Article 34**

You have the right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

## **Article 35**

You have the right to be protected from abduction, sale and traffic in children.

## **Article 36**

You have the right to be protected against all other forms of exploitation.

## **Article 37**

You have the right to be protected from torture, cruel treatment, capital punishment or life imprisonment.

## **Article 38**

You have the right to be protected from armed conflicts.



# PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS AND MEANS OF DEFENCE

## Article 39

You have the right to receive physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration if you are victim of exploitation, abuse, torture, or any other form of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment or armed conflicts.

## Article 40

You have the right to receive legal aid if you are accused of having infringed the penal law.

## Article 41

Nothing in the present Convention can affect any provisions which is the best for your rights and which may be contained in the law of your State or in the International law in force in your State.

## Article 42

You have the right to know the principles and provisions of this Convention.





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