

INFORMATION NOTE

2nd Universal Periodic Review of Iraq (03 November 2014)

20th session of the UPR – Human Rights Council

Summary of child related issues

Troika: The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso

I- Issues pertaining to juvenile justice and the rights of the child in general

1. Issue n°1: Child marriage

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">IsraelKirghizstanSierra Leone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Abolish laws that encourage child marriageEnd forced and arranged marriagesAbolish child marriage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Forced marriage is sanctioned if there is coercion by someone close to the family |

2. Issue n°2 : The rights of the child

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">KazakhstanPolandSudanViet NamAustraliaBrazil | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ratify international legislation pertaining to childrenConsider the creation of an office of the ombudsman for child's rightsPromote the rights of the child through national policyUndertake additional measures to protect the rights of women and childrenInvestigate the violation of the rights of women and girlsImplement reforms for children's rights | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- |

3. Issue n°3: Juvenile Justice

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">MaldivesFrance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review national legislation to give children adequate protection in Juvenile Justice systemsReform the detention system | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The death penalty is not implemented for adolescents anymore |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the efforts concerning Juvenile Justice by incorporating restorative justice measures | |
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4. Issue n°4: Violence against children

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippines Poland Romania Greece | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide legal and psychosocial aid for children that are victims of violence Protect children since they are one of the most vulnerable groups Fight violence against women and children Better protect women and children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - |

5. Issue n°5: Education

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palestine Bhutan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enrolment of girls in school Ensure children's access to education and healthcare in rural areas and ensure equal access to schools for girls, especially in rural areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - |

6. Issue n°6: Child soldiers

| Delegations | Recommendations | Responses by Iraq |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botswana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address the recruitment of child soldiers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - |

II- Other relevant issues with positive feedbacks by the States present at the review:

- Concerning Kurdistan: criminalization of child abuse, violence against children, and child labour
 - Special training for judges and police to deal with issues of violence
- Indonesia commended Iraq's efforts made on Juvenile Justice

III- Adoption of the report : recommendations accepted by Iraq