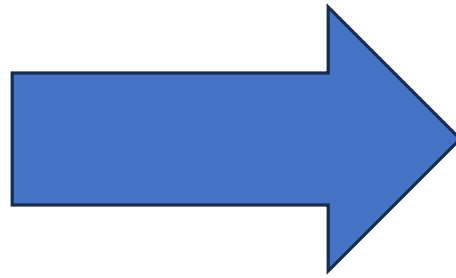
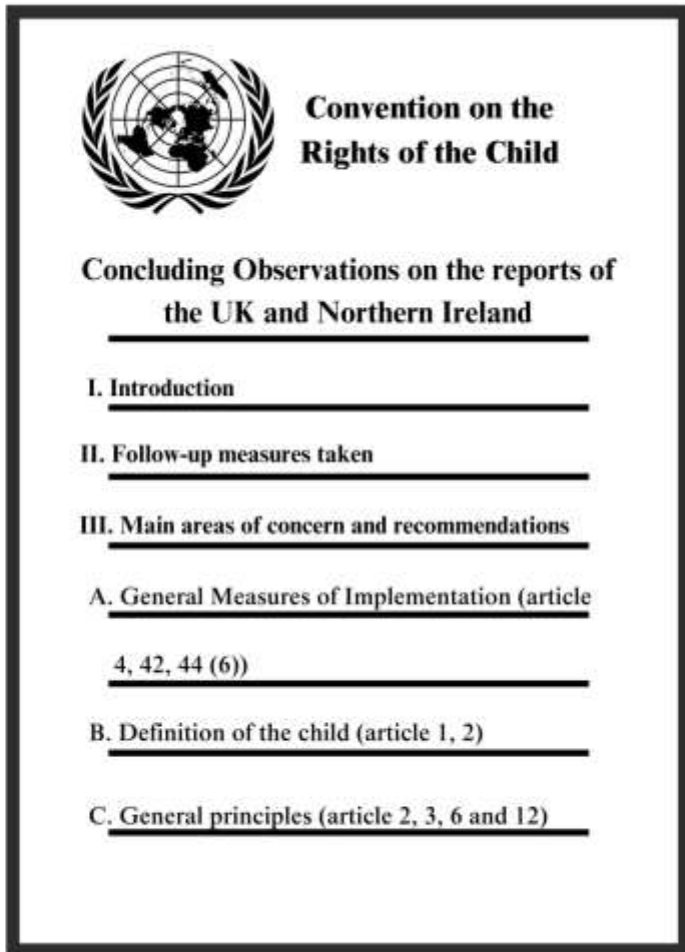




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What is #RightsOnTrack?



#TeamScotlandUN at the United Nations



UNCRC Concluding Observations 2023

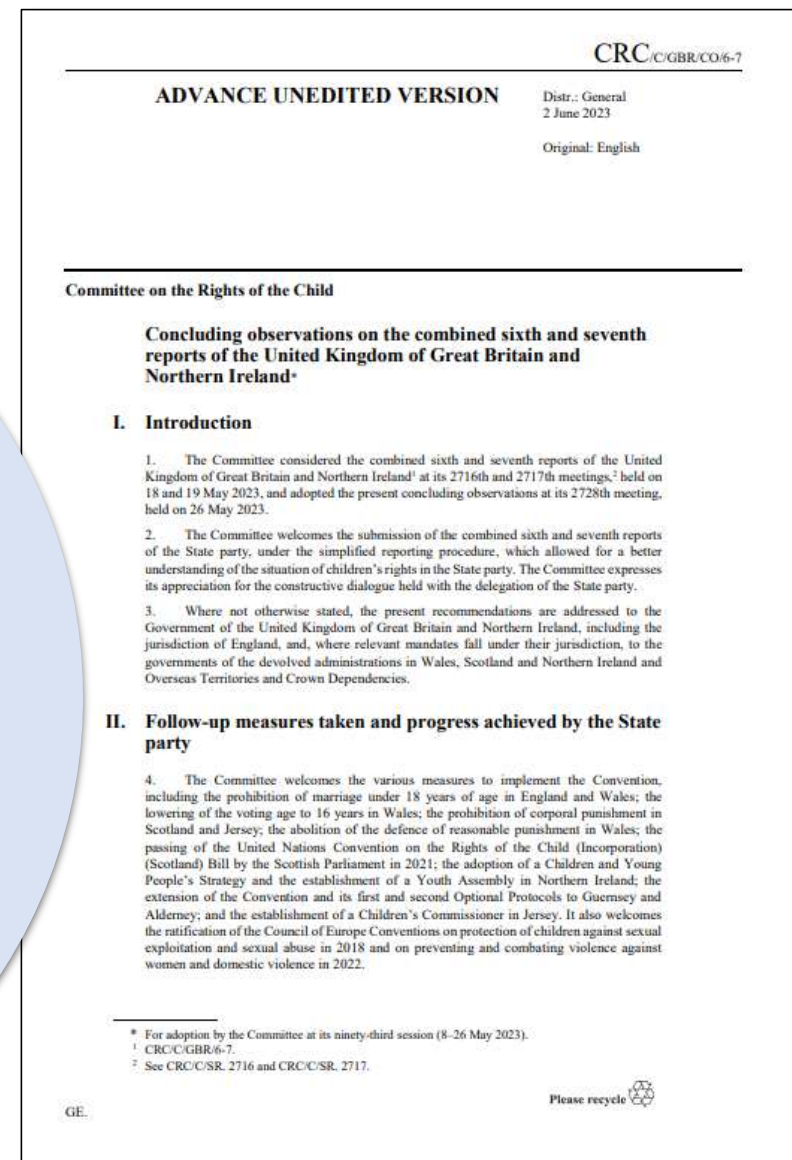
Almost 200 recommendations to further children's human rights across Scotland and the wider UK....

“...end child poverty and ensure that all children have an adequate standard of living, including by increasing social benefits to reflect the rising cost of living and abolishing the two-child limit and benefit cap for social security benefits”

“Strengthen measures to address food insecurity... (i) ensuring all children's access to nutritious foods and reducing their reliance on food banks... (ii) expanding the free school meals programme to all children in disadvantaged situations... (iii) addressing the root causes of food insecurity, including poverty”



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The UK's 'to do' list:

UNCRC in law Human Rights Act Action plans Budgets

Data Access to justice Age of the child

Marriage age Discrimination Transgender children

Religious observance Freedom of assembly and association

Physical punishment Restraint, seclusion and harmful devices

Child victims Childcare Young carers Care Experience

Children with a parent in prison Disabled children Child poverty

Mental health Climate change Education Right to play

Migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking children Child-justice

Armed forces recruitment



Scottish Government response

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“The contents of this document reflect our absolute commitment to ensuring that children and young people across Scotland can fully experience their rights.”

Natalie Don MSP - Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise



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United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

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March 2024



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UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024

Proactive at promoting children's rights

- Protect the UNCRC rights of all children under 18 years old
- Public authorities and those commissioned to deliver public services must act compatibly with UNCRC
- Children's Scheme: participation, awareness, budgeting and child rights impact assessments
- Ministers to conduct Child Rights Impact Assessments
- Compliance reports by Ministers and public authorities
- Scrutiny by children, young people, Children and Young People's Commissioner, Scottish Parliament, civil society.

Accountable for upholding children's rights

- Children can complain if their rights aren't being protected
- No time limits on proceedings until children reach the age of 18 years old
- Courts can decide if laws follow the UNCRC
- The Children and Young People's Commissioner can help if someone wants to complain their rights are not being protected
- A court can tell organisations to change what they are doing, if the court agrees that they are not protecting children's rights





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