



**Submission provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Compilation Report
(Excerpts of Treaty Body Concluding Observations and Special Procedure
Reports) - Universal Periodic Review:**

Côte d'Ivoire

We would like to bring your attention to the following excerpts of Treaty Body Concluding Observations and Special Procedure reports relating to issues of interest and concern to UNHCR with regards to Côte d'Ivoire.

Treaty Body Concluding Observations

**CRC/C/15/Add.155 27th session
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17. The Committee recommends that the State party develop a system of data collection and indicators consistent with the Convention and disaggregated by gender, age, indigenous and minority group, and urban and rural area. This system should cover all children up to the age of 18 years with specific emphasis on those who are particularly vulnerable, including child victims of abuse, neglect, or ill-treatment; children with disabilities; children belonging to ethnic groups; refugee and asylum-seeking children; children in conflict with the law; working children; adopted children; and children living in the streets and in rural areas. It further encourages the State party to use these indicators and data for the formulation of policies and programmes for the effective implementation of the Convention.

22. While noting that discrimination is prohibited under the Constitution, the Committee is concerned at the persistence of discrimination in the State party. In particular, the Committee is concerned at the occurrence of discrimination against non-citizen children, children with disabilities, children born out of wedlock, children from ethnic minorities, Muslim children and girls; the Committee is particularly concerned about the low participation rate of girls in education. Moreover, the Committee is concerned at the discrepancies in the enjoyment of rights by certain vulnerable groups: children living in rural areas, refugee children, children from poor families, and children living and/or working on the streets.

23. In light of article 2 of the Convention, the Committee recommends that the State party make concerted efforts at all levels to address discrimination, notably discrimination based on gender, disability, religion, and national, ethnic or social origin, through a review and reorientation of policies, including increased budgetary allocations for programmes targeting the most vulnerable groups. The Committee encourages the State party to ensure effective law enforcement, undertake studies and launch comprehensive public information campaigns to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination, where needed within the framework of international cooperation.

59. The Committee welcomes the efforts undertaken by the State party to integrate refugee children into the society, in particular through their enrolment in the Ivorian basic education system. It nevertheless remains concerned about the difficult situation encountered by child refugees and their families.

60. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen the legal protection of refugee children and implement the project agreement with UNHCR. The Committee encourages the State party to continue and expand its cooperation with international agencies such as UNHCR and UNICEF.

Special Procedure Reports

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Walter Kälin A/HRC/4/38/Add.2 18 October 2006

Main recommendations

The Representative of the Secretary-General believes there is an urgent need to address the problems facing internally displaced persons in Côte d'Ivoire and recommends that the Government, in cooperation with the international community, should:

- (a) Draw up a political strategy and national plan of action on internal displacement, covering all categories of displaced persons without discrimination;*
- (b) Establish a mechanism to coordinate the work of the various institutions dealing with displacement-related issues, which could also serve as a focal point for, and interface with, the international community;*
- (c) Take the appropriate steps to ensure the safety of displaced persons, particularly in the west of the country, by assigning the necessary military personnel to the task, making sure that those responsible for violating the rights of displaced persons are brought to justice, and helping those displaced persons who so wish to settle, even temporarily, in areas where their safety can be guaranteed;*
- (d) Ensure that displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance, particularly health care and education services, without discrimination;*
- (e) Take the necessary steps to help internally displaced persons to recover their property and possessions, or compensate them appropriately;*
- (f) Ensure the full participation of displaced persons at every stage of the electoral process now under way;*

- (g) Pay special attention, as a matter of urgency, to the land issue, particularly in the west and south of the country;*
- (h) Organize campaigns to raise awareness of the human rights of internally displaced persons, and provide training in those rights for, in particular, the defence and security forces and local officials, on the basis of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.*

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