



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Design guidelines for the
use of the child-friendly text
and icons

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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

In 1989 something incredible happened. Against the backdrop of a changing world order world leaders came together and made a historic commitment to the world's children. They made a promise to every child to protect and fulfil their rights, by adopting an international legal framework – the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Contained in this treaty is a profound idea: that children are not just objects who belong to their parents and for whom decisions are made, or adults in training. Rather, they are human beings and individuals with their own rights. The Convention says childhood is separate from adulthood, and lasts until 18; it is a special, protected time, in which children must be allowed to grow, learn, play, develop and flourish with dignity. The Convention went on to become the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history and has helped transform children's lives.

Background to the child-friendly text and icons

Ensuring that all children and adults know and understand children's rights is at the core of UNICEF's mandate to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Several versions of the Convention in child-friendly languages have been developed since its adoption in 1989, including by UNICEF country offices and National Committees. These versions vary in quality and accuracy and are often very specific to a country and therefore not easily transferable to another context. Many were prepared without consultations with children.

Many visual illustrations representing articles of the Convention have also been developed over the years, often through creative projects involving child participation, supported by local artists. However, these illustrations are often very culturally specific, complex drawings or interpretive works of art. There was therefore a need for a comprehensive, universal set of simple visual icons for the Convention.

In 2019, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Convention, UNICEF, via a partnership with Child Rights Connect, developed a child-friendly version of the Convention (aimed at children aged 10-17) as well as visual icons for the Convention overall and for each of the main Convention articles. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has reviewed the child-friendly Convention text and icons and has officially granted its support. UNICEF has adopted the text as the organization's standard child-friendly version of the Convention.

Children participated in the development of the child-friendly text and icons via a global Children's Advisory Team established by Child Rights Connect, with additional input into the text from over 100 children via Child Rights Connect's global network of NGO partners. Three draft versions of each of the 43 article icons were then put to a global online public vote in thirteen languages, for both children and adults, which ran from 12 April to 14 June 2019.

DESIGN GUIDANCE FOR THE CHILD-FRIENDLY TEXT AND ICONS

Child-friendly text

This is the UNICEF standard child-friendly version of the Convention and is for adaptation by UNICEF only. The child-friendly text in English is accompanied by a separate internal UNICEF guidance document on how to adapt this, through child participation processes, into other languages. The endorsement of the text by UNICEF and Child Rights Connect is represented by the inclusion of their respective logos. Any translations of the child-friendly text – and use therein of the UNICEF logo – in a particular country must be signed off by the Representative of the relevant UNICEF country office, or the Executive Director of the relevant National Committee for UNICEF. A UNICEF Representative/Executive Director may choose to work with non-UNICEF partners such as local NGOs in producing local language versions of the text, but the final version must be signed off by the Representative/Executive Director. The full child-friendly text in English must always be accompanied by the UNICEF and Child Rights Connect logos. If adapted into other languages, the text must always be accompanied by the UNICEF logo. The global UNICEF logo may be replaced by the logo of the relevant local National Committee. Additional logos of government or NGO partners who have supported the development of locally adapted versions may be added to the text (in line with general UNICEF brand guidelines).

Icons

The term “icons” refers to the Convention on the Rights of the Child overall icon and the 43 article icons. UNICEF has developed the icons as a contribution to global child rights education and advocacy efforts. It is hoped that all UNICEF country offices and National Committees, and United

Nations, Government and civil society partners will use the icons to help promote the Convention for the benefit of children everywhere.

In order to maintain quality control over the icon text, the design files for translation will only be available to UNICEF offices and National Committees. Any translations of the icon text must be signed off by the Representative of a UNICEF country office, or the Executive Director of a UNICEF National Committee. A UNICEF Representative/ Executive Director may choose to work with non-UNICEF partners such as local NGOs in producing local language versions of the icons, but the final versions must be signed off by the Representative/ Executive Director.

- **All entities wishing to use the icons (including UNICEF offices) must agree to use them only as permitted by these guidelines.**
- **The integration or combination of any element of the icons into a separate logo design is prohibited.**
- **Non-UNICEF stakeholders may use the icons for informational purposes that are illustrative, educational, non-commercial, and not intended to raise funds.**
- **When the icons are used, the following text must be displayed: Designs © UNICEF, 2019**

Guidelines on the fundraising, product-based fundraising and commercial uses of the icons are outlined below.

FUNDRAISING, PRODUCT-BASED FUNDRAISING AND COMMERCIAL USES

The following uses of the icons are **permitted without prior permission**:

- **Fundraising materials** produced and used by UNICEF country offices and National Committees to raise funds in support of UNICEF, or to communicate about UNICEF fundraising campaigns.
- **Promotional merchandise** produced and used by UNICEF country offices and National Committees for advocacy and awareness-raising, in line with existing procurement and branding guidelines.

The following uses of the icons **may be permitted with prior permission of UNICEF** and with the conclusion of an appropriate agreement granting the rights for the use of the icons and/or the UNICEF logo:

- **Use on UNICEF branded and UNICEF co-branded products through an agreement for permission to use the UNICEF name and logo in connection with the manufacture and sale of UNICEF branded products:** Only these products can use the icons placed directly on the actual product line and sold to raise funds for UNICEF.
- **Use on promotional materials for UNICEF branded and UNICEF co-branded products through an agreement for permission to use the UNICEF name and logo in connection with the manufacture and sale of UNICEF branded products:** The icons can be used as part of the designs to promote the sale/fundraising activity of UNICEF branded and UNICEF co-branded products.

- **Use on communication and promotional materials about a corporate partner's partnership with UNICEF, including Cause Related Marketing initiatives:** The icons can be integrated into these materials. This is all as part of an existing or new agreement with UNICEF.

Any request to use the icons for these purposes would require a necessary Due Diligence and Communication for Partnerships review, and approvals on brand usage, communication, product safety and ethical conditions of manufacturing, prior to confirming the opportunity.

The following uses of the icons are **not permitted**:

- **On corporate partners' products in Cause Related Marketing:** The use of the icons on any CRM product/s is not permitted. See above regarding potential allowed use on CRM communication and promotional materials.
- **Commercial use:** The use of the icons on a product developed and sold for profit by a company is not permitted.
- **Self-promotion or personal financial gain:** The icons may not be reproduced for the purpose of self-promotion, or for obtaining any personal financial gain.

Liability

UNICEF does not assume any responsibility or liability for the activities of any entity with respect to any informational, fundraising or commercial use of the icons.

Disclaimer

- The use of the icons by an entity does not imply the endorsement of UNICEF of such entity, its brand, its products or services, or its activities.
- This non-endorsement disclaimer must be included on all dual branded products and on any promotional or communication materials within a corporate partnership context: **“UNICEF does not endorse any company, brand, product or service.”**

Copyright

- All materials using the icons must include the copyright notice: **“Designs © UNICEF, 2019”.**

Brand Notice

- If the UNICEF logo is also part of a UNICEF branded or UNICEF co-branded product and/or promotional materials, this brand notice must be included: **“UNICEF’s name and emblem are protected under international law”.**

WHERE TO FIND THE CHILD-FRIENDLY TEXT AND ICONS

For non-UNICEF stakeholders: Access to the publicly available documents, icons and communications products designed by UNICEF via [WeShare](https://bit.ly/crcicons) [shortcut: <https://bit.ly/crcicons>]. These final documents, icons and communications products can be shared widely to promote awareness and understanding of the Convention, but only as permitted by the guidelines in this document. The text and design of these products cannot be altered by non-UNICEF stakeholders. Contact your local UNICEF office if you wish to collaborate on the development of a new language version of the child-friendly text or icons.

Child Rights Icons in Switzerland and Liechtenstein

The icons and design products are available for download at unicef.ch/icons

If you have any questions about the use of the children's rights icons in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, please contact childrights@unicef.ch

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— ICONS



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— OVERALL ICON

Colour version. Recommended version to use in priority. Use it only on a white or light colour background.



Vertical version



Horizontal version



2 cm

Minimum vertical size



Minimum horizontal size

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Colour version with white border. When on a dark background colour or complex image, use the icon with white borders.



Vertical version



Horizontal version



2 cm

Minimum vertical size

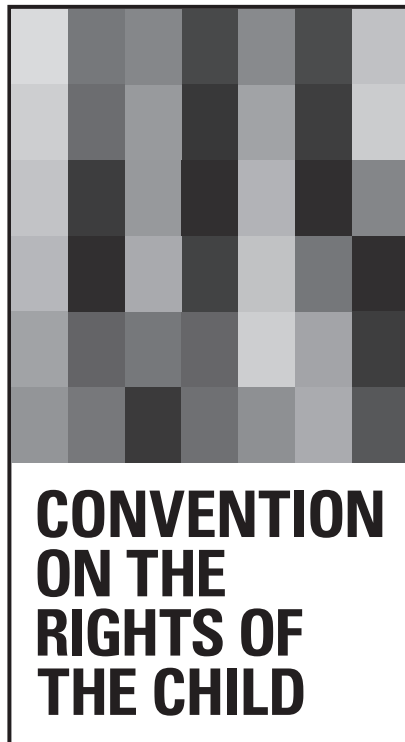


3 cm

Minimum horizontal size

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Vertical version



Horizontal version



2 cm

Minimum vertical size



3 cm

Minimum horizontal size

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Gray scale version with white border. When on a dark background colour or complex image, use the icon with white borders.



Vertical version



Horizontal version



2 cm

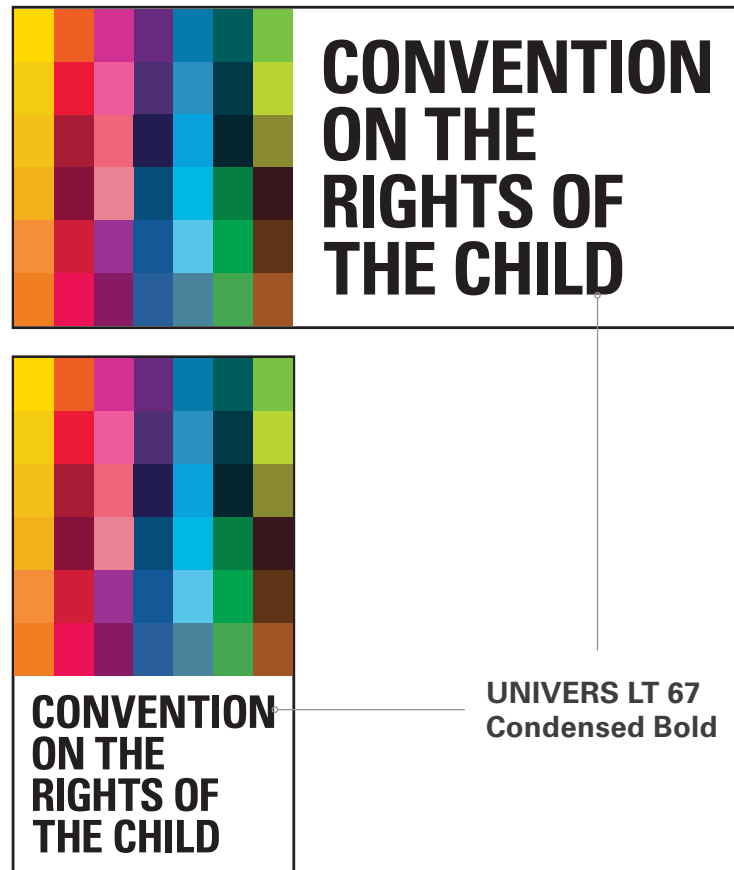
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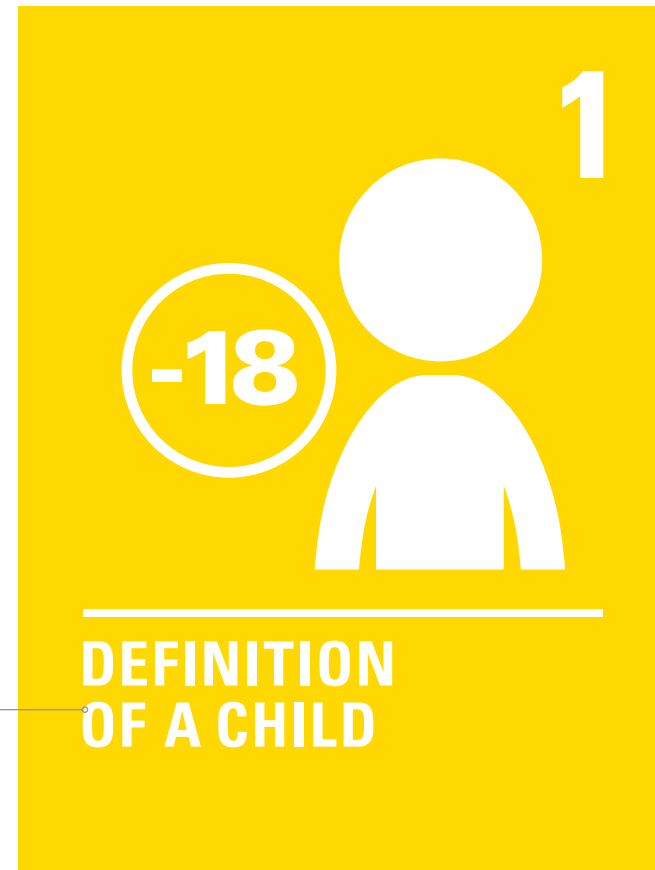
Minimum horizontal size

FONT FOR THE ICONS

UNIVERS LT 67 Condensed Bold is the font used for the icons. Only UNICEF offices have access to the design files for the icons. Partners wanting to translate the icons into a language which has not yet been provided should contact their local UNICEF office.



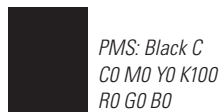
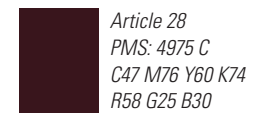
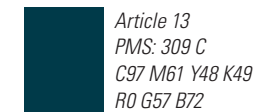
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Colour references for the overall icon and 43 article icons (Article 1 to 43-54).



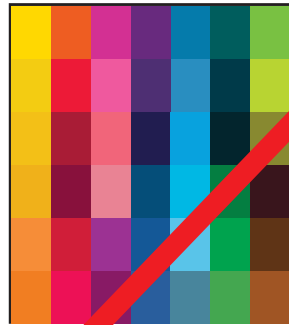
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— OVERALL ICON

Don'ts - these instructions apply to the vertical and horizontal overall icon.



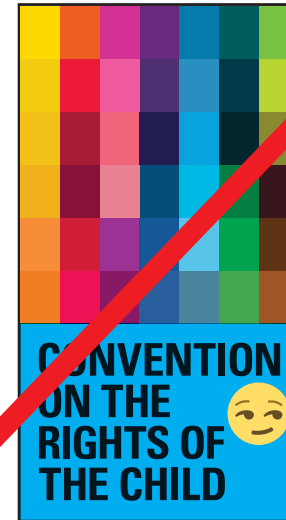
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DO NOT remove the text



DO NOT add drop shadows



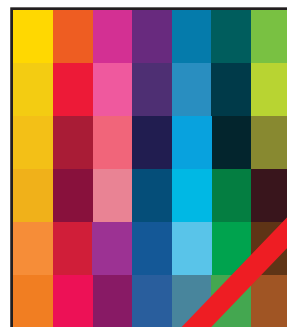
DO NOT add colours or new elements



DO NOT alter or modify



DO NOT change font



DO NOT separate



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— 43 ARTICLE ICONS

Don'ts - these instructions apply to the 43 article icons. Only the text can be changed for translation purposes, as signed off by UNICEF.



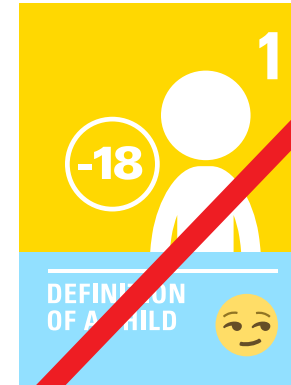
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DO NOT remove the text



DO NOT add drop shadows



DO NOT add colours or new elements



DO NOT change the colour



DO NOT separate



DO NOT alter or modify the visual image

CHILD-FRIENDLY TEXT AND ICONS — DESIGN IDEAS

For UNICEF: Before designing a new product, first check the internal [SharePoint folders](#) to see which products already have design files available for adaptation. If you design a new product, or adapt an existing product into a new language, please upload the files to the [SharePoint folder](#) so that other offices can also make use of this.

For non-UNICEF stakeholders: Check the [public storage folder](#) to see which products are already available. If you wish to design a new product using the icons, please contact your local UNICEF office.



Street poster

Bus

Banners

CHILD-FRIENDLY TEXT AND ICONS — DESIGN IDEAS

See separate guidance on how to adapt the child-friendly text into other languages with the participation of children.



Flags



Card game



Poster/leaflet



Passport

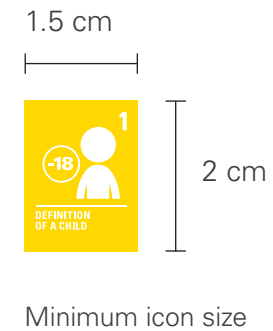


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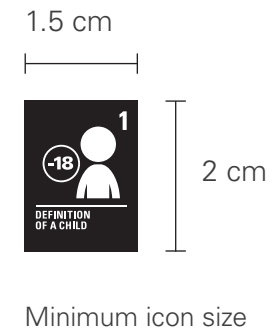
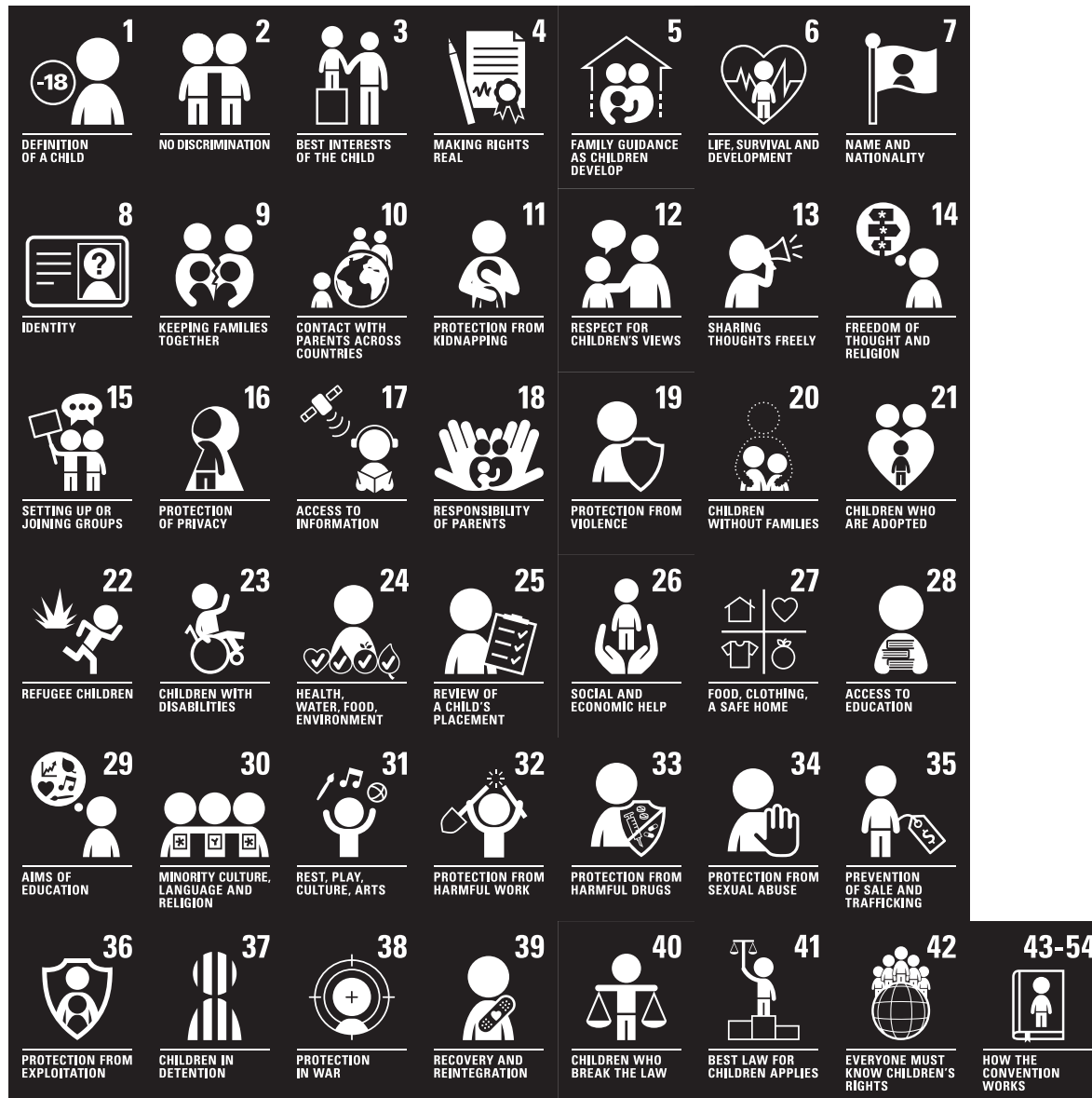
Colour version.



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Black and white version should only be used when colour is not possible. The colour version is the default one.



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— 43 ARTICLE ICONS

Icon colour and black and white.



Article 1
PMS: 108 C
C0 M12 Y100 K0
R255 G218 B0



Article 2
PMS: 166 C
C2 M78 Y100 K0
R236 G94 B36



Article 3
PMS: Rhodamine Red C
C12 M91 Y0 K0
R213 G58 B149



Article 4
PMS: 2613 C
C73 M100 Y14 K4
R103 G42 B125



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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 5
PMS: 7690 C
C86 M44 Y15 K2
R229 G36 B59



Article 6
PMS: 7721 C
C88 M38 Y53 K35
R0 G92 B92



Article 7
PMS: 376 C
C57 M0 Y100 K0
R122 G193 B67



Article 8
PMS: 7405 C
C7 M17 Y95 K0
R240 G203 B40



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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 9
PMS: 185 C
CO M99 Y22 K0
R238 G31 B56



Article 10
PMS: 212 C
CO M80 Y2 K0
R239 G91 B157



Article 11
PMS: 269 C
CB1 M95 Y22 K11
R82 G49 B115



Article 12
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R39 G143 B192

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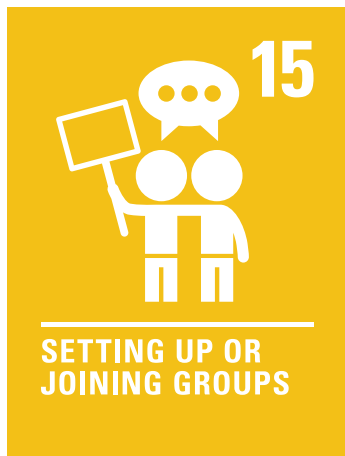
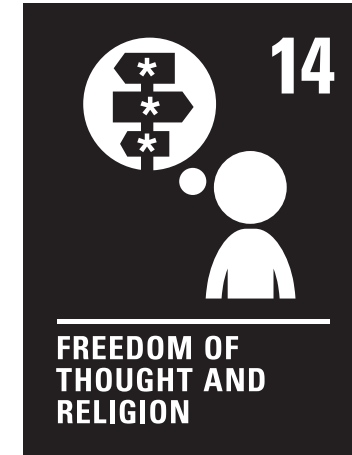
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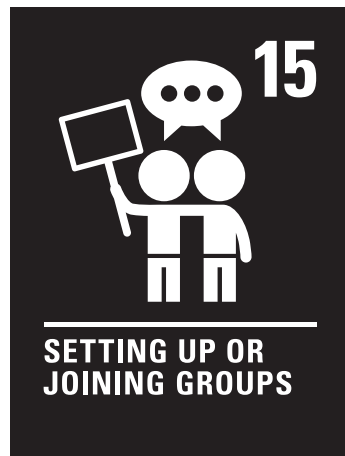
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Article 14
PMS: 382 C
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R183 G212 B59



Article 15
PMS: 7406 C
C6 M23 Y95 K0
R240 G193 B41



Article 16
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R170 G29 B55



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Icon colour and black and white.



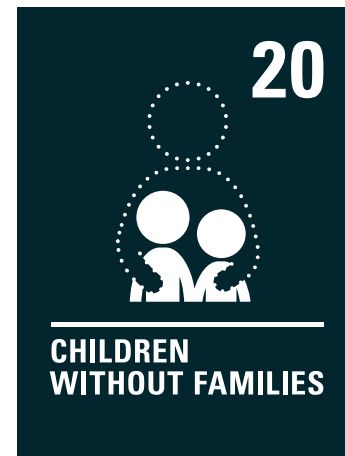
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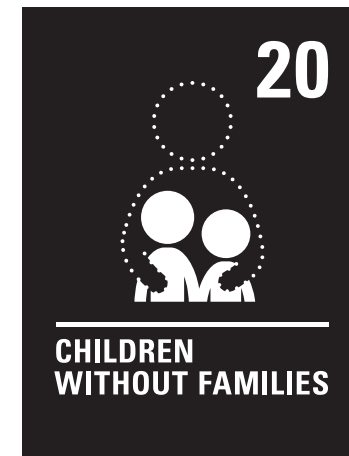
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R34 G30 B82



Article 19
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C75 M20 Y0 K0
R0 G160 B220



Article 20
PMS: 546 C
C96 M63 Y56 K67
R0 G39 B47



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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 21
PMS: 582 C
C45 M31 Y100 K15
R136 G136 B49



Article 22
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R252 G179 B43



Article 23
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C28 M100 Y58 K32
R136 G19 B61

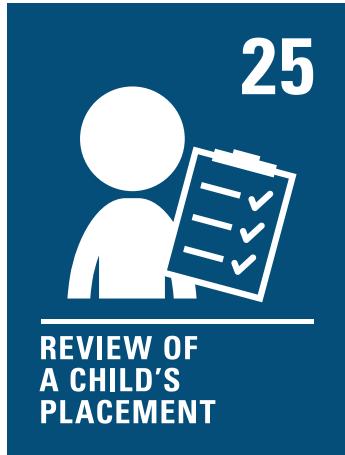


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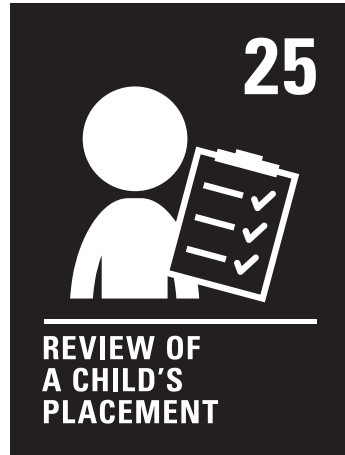
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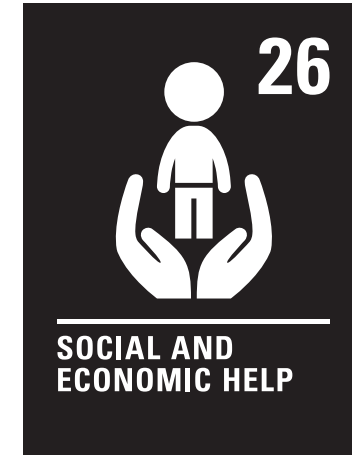
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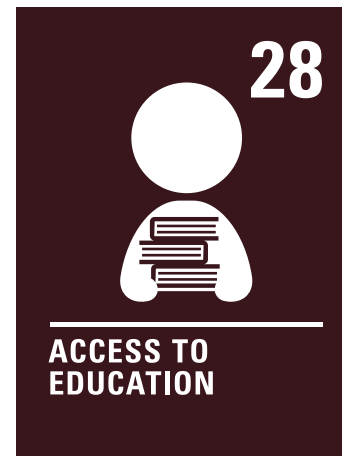
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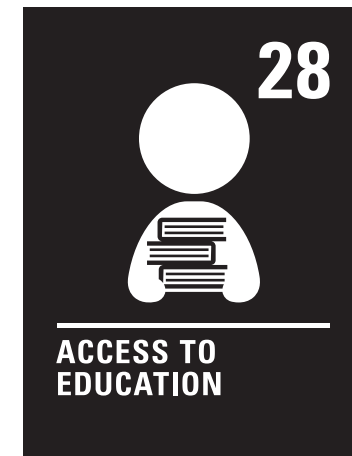
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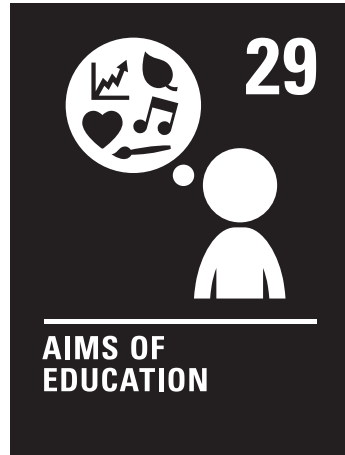
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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 29
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CO M54 Y87 K0
R246 G141 B57



Article 30
PMS: 186 C
C12 M100 Y82 K3
R207 G31 B57



Article 31
PMS: 248 C
C43 M95 Y0 K0
R157 G51 B147



Article 32
PMS: 7686 C
C96 M71 Y13 K2
R15 G88 B150

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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 36
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C2 M62 Y100 K0
R239 G125 B34



Article 33
PMS: 297 C
C 57 M 3 Y 4 K 0
R 92 G 195 B 231



Article 34
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C84 M12 Y100 K1
R14 G157 B73



Article 35
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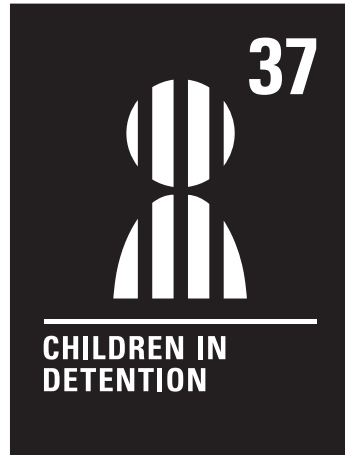
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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 37
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Article 38
PMS: 7649 C
C43 M100 Y24 K17
R137 G27 B102



Article 39
PMS: 7685 C
C90 M67 Y11 K1
R42 G94 B157



Article 40
PMS: 7697 C
C71 M34 Y26 K8
R76 G133 B156



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Icon colour and black and white.



Article 41
PMS: 7738 C
C75 M10 Y94 K0
R69 G167 B80



Article 42
PMS: 160 C
C26 M69 Y98 K20
R160 G88 B37



Article 43-54
PMS: 424 C
C0 M0 Y0 K70
R109 G110 B113





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These guidelines were prepared by the Human Rights Unit
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For additional questions about these guidelines or
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