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Full recommendation:

The Committee recommends that the State party take all possible measures to raise the awareness of its public, including children, about the provisions of the Convention through awareness-raising programmes, such as campaigns, and that it ensures that the Convention is part of the mandatory curriculum in all schools for children of all age groups. The Committee also recommends that the State party continue to provide regular and systematic training activities on the provisions of the Convention for law enforcement officials, the judiciary and other professionals working with and for children throughout the country.

Assessment

There are no reported awareness-raising campaigns organised by Iranian government bodies on the contents of international human rights treaties and conventions, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In its National Report to the Universal Periodic Review in 2019, the Islamic Republic of Iran reported that it included “human rights education in textbooks and in school supplementary reading materials”.¹ However, it is not known whether the contents of the Convention on the Rights of the Child or any other international treaty bodies are part of the mandatory curriculum at Iranian schools.

Article 30 of the 2015 Criminal Procedure Code mandates a standard training for judicial officers that should be conducted under the supervision of the relevant judicial authority,² yet, since the details of these trainings are not made public, there is a scarcity of information that would lead one to ascertain whether the training is based on human rights standards or not and whether they include training activities on the provision of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In its National Report to the Universal Periodic Review in 2019, the Islamic Republic of Iran reported that it carried “human rights trainings for judges, judicial officers and administrative staff on the rights of the child, the rights of persons with disabilities, the prohibition of torture and ill-treatment and the confronting against domestic violence”.³ However there is no readily available information that might suggest that such training is also given to law enforcement officials.

Recommendation Status:

This recommendation has been **PARTIALLY** implemented.

¹ National Report to the Universal Periodic Review, Islamic Republic of Iran, 2019, <https://undocs.org/A/HRC/WG.6/34/IRN/1>

² Code of Criminal Procedure (2015), in Farsi, <https://bit.ly/3tZJfZd>

³ National Report to the Universal Periodic Review, Islamic Republic of Iran, 2019, <https://undocs.org/A/HRC/WG.6/34/IRN/1>