

Concluding observations Committee on the Rights of the Child CRC/C/IRN/CO/3-4 para 88(e)

Full recommendation:

Support family reunification programmes if in the best interests of the child.

Assessment using Impact Iran human rights indicators¹

Article 45 of the Law on Family Protection emphasizes that "the envy and interest of children and adolescents must be observed in all decisions of courts and executive authorities."² Also, the note of Article 41 of the same law states: "The judiciary is obliged to provide an appropriate mechanism for the parents to meet with the child in the interests of the family and the child."³

In its National Report to the Universal Periodic Review, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran referred to "cases of assistance of Iranian families living abroad, to re-join their families, and also for foreign nationals." There is no readily available information that might indicate that the cases mentioned were part of a family reunification programme.

As of February 2021, there is no readily available information that might indicate that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is supporting family reunification programmes, notably with regards to children in street situations.

There is no readily available information that might indicate the existence of a monitoring mechanism to ensure that no child is separated from their parents against their will unless deemed necessary by the relevant authority nor a mechanism habilitated to review such decisions and facilitate the safe and speedy return of the child when separation has been deemed unnecessary in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Recommendation Status:

This recommendation has **NOT** been implemented.

¹CRC.9.1.P.2

² <https://shenasname.ir/subjects/family/1470>

³ Ibid.