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Rights of the Child

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PROPOSALS ADOPTED BY THE WORKING GROUP

(Articles 1bis, 12bis, and 14)

Article 1bis

1. The States Parties to the present Convention recognize that every child has the inherent right to life.
2. States Parties shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child.

Article 12bis (Revision)

1. The States Parties to the present Convention recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and to medical and rehabilitation facilities. The States Parties shall strive to ensure that no child is deprived for financial reasons of his right of access to such health care services.
2. The States Parties to the present Convention shall pursue full implementation of this right and in particular, shall take appropriate measures:
  - (a) To diminish infant and child mortality,
  - (b) To ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care,
  - (c) To combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care, through the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water,
  - (d) To ensure appropriate health care for expectant mothers,

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(e) To ensure that all segments of society, in particular parents and children, are informed, and supported in the use, of basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breast-feeding, hygiene and environmental sanitation and the prevention of accidents,

(f) To develop preventive health care and family planning education and services.

Article 14 (4)

4. States Parties to the present Convention shall take all appropriate measures to secure the recovery of maintenance for the child from the parents or other persons having financial responsibility for the child, both within the State Party and from abroad. In particular, where the person having financial responsibility for the child lives in a different state from the child, States Parties shall promote the accession to international agreements or the conclusion of such agreements as well as the making of other appropriate arrangements.