

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
Forty-fifth session  
Pre-sessional open-ended Working Group  
on the Question of a Convention on  
the Rights of the Child

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Preamble

1. Insert after the eighth preambular paragraph:

"Recognizing the importance of international co-operation and assistance for the developing countries in order to improve the living conditions of children in those countries confronted with serious economic and social difficulties."

2. Insert after preambular paragraph 9:

"Taking due account of the importance of the traditions and cultural values of each people for the protection and harmonious development of the child."

3. In paragraph 10 insert the words underlined:

"Considering that the child should be fully prepared to live an individual [and collective/community] life, and brought up in the spirit of the ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular in the spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom and brotherhood."

4. Operative part

Article 1: to be reformulated

"According to the present Convention a child is every human being, from his conception until at least, the age of 18 years unless, under the law of his State, he has attained the age of majority earlier."

Insert

5. Article 5 ter (article 8 ter)

"The States Parties shall grant the protection necessary to the family, the natural environment of the child and shall attend to his physical and moral health.

Accordingly, the States Parties shall provide, in case of need, appropriate assistance to the family with a view to helping it to assume its responsibilities for the harmonious development of the child."

6. Article 5 quater (article 8 quater)

"The child has the duty to respect his parents and to give them assistance, in case of need."