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Article 12 bis:

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 facilities for the maintenance, development, restoration and rehabilitation of health.

The State 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 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 drinking water;
- (d) To ensure appropriate health care and nutritional care for expectant mothers;
- (e) To ensure that all segments of society, in particular parents and children, are informed of, and are taught how to use, basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breast-feeding, the importance of prenatal surveillance, hygiene and environmental sanitation, and the prevention of accidents.