

Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. It is ratified by all states with the exception of only two - the United States and Somalia.

The CRC sets minimum legal and moral standards for the protection of children's rights. Its uniqueness stems from the fact that it is the first legally binding international instrument to incorporate the full range of human rights – children's civil and political rights as well as their economic, social and cultural rights - thus giving all rights equal emphasis.

The following articles pertain to war-affected children:

Article 1: Definition of a Child

Article 10: Family Reunification

Article 20: Protection of a Child Without Family

Article 22: Refugee Children

Article 38: Armed Conflicts

Article 39: Rehabilitative Care