State Parties to the UNCRC must submit periodic reports to the CRC Committee that reflect information on its implementation of the UNCRC, its Optional Protocols and challenges in upholding children’s rights.

The reporting process is a structure for the CRC Committee to examine a State Party’s progress, through the State party report submitted by the government, alternative reports submitted by civil society organizations, and reports prepared by children. Initial report is to be submitted 2 years after ratification and every 5 years afterwards.

Why is it important for civil society organizations to submit an NGO Alternative Report?

The CRC Committee encourages civil society organizations to submit a Non-Government Organization (NGO) Alternative Report, which provides specific, reliable, and objective information particularly on child rights issues that are not mentioned or have insufficient data in the State party report. It also welcomes submissions from National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in order to make a complete and concise evaluation of the progress and challenges encountered in the course of implementing the UNCRC. Reports prepared and presented by children are also welcomed by the CRC Committee. NGOs are encouraged to facilitate the fulfilment of children’s right to meaningful participation.

UNCRC Concluding Observations

The UNCRC Concluding Observations is a comprehensive report prepared by the CRC Committee which provides recommendations on how the State party can further improve its implementation of the UNCRC. It provides the progress and main areas of concern that the State party must continue to work on. This document serves as the basis for monitoring the UNCRC implementation by looking into the government’s action in response to the recommendations of the UNCRC Committee. Civil society organizations also integrate the recommendations into their advocacy, strengthening their calls to address specific child rights concerns.

Sources:
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The Civil Society Coalition on the Convention on the Rights of the Child or CRC Coalition is a national network of local and international child-focused organizations working together to monitor the implementation of the UNCRC.

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