

AFRICAN CHARTER ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD



CHILD FRIENDLY

VERSION



ARTICLE 1

ALL COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SIGNED THE ACRWC MUST RESPECT THE RIGHTS IN THE ACRWC



ARTICLE 2

A CHILD IS A PERSON BELOW THE AGE OF 18 YEARS



ARTICLE 3

EVERY CHILD IN AFRICA HAS THESE RIGHTS



ARTICLE 4

ALL PEOPLE SHOULD DO WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERY CHILD



ARTICLE 5

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING AND PROMOTING EVERY CHILD'S RIGHTS



ARTICLE 6

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A NAME AND IDENTITY



ARTICLE 7

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS; ADULTS MUST LISTEN TO EVERY CHILD'S VIEWS AND TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY



ARTICLE 8

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO FORM CONNECTIONS WITH FRIENDS AND GATHER WITH OTHERS AS ALLOWED BY THE LAW



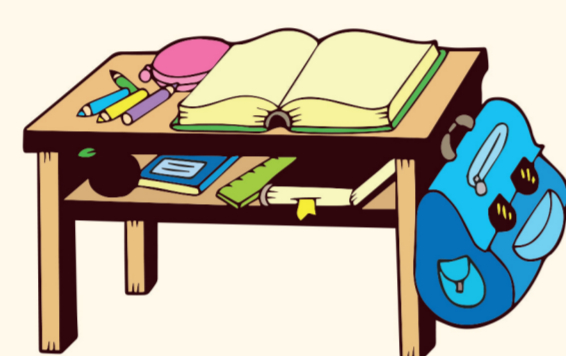
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EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR RELIGION



ARTICLE 10

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY



ARTICLE 11

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION



ARTICLE 12

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO REST, PLAY AND TAKE PART IN ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



ARTICLE 13

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CARE IF THEY LIVE WITH A DISABILITY



ARTICLE 14

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH



ARTICLE 15

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM WORK THAT IS BAD FOR THEIR HEALTH OR EDUCATION



ARTICLE 16

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE FROM BEING HURT OR MISTREATED



ARTICLE 17

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT WHEN THEY ARE IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW



ARTICLE 18

EVERY CHILD'S FAMILY IS TO BE PROTECTED AS THEIR MOST BASIC NEED



ARTICLE 19

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE RAISED BY THEIR PARENT(S) OR OTHERS WHO LOVE THEM



ARTICLE 20

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR EVERY CHILD IN THE BEST WAY THEY CAN



ARTICLE 21

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST HARMFUL PRACTICES, INCLUDING BEING MARRIED IF THEY ARE LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD



ARTICLE 22

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM WAR AND NOT BE FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN WAR



ARTICLE 23

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED IF THEY ARE A REFUGEE



ARTICLE 24

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE CARED FOR IN A GOOD PLACE IF THEY DO NOT LIVE WITH THEIR BIRTH PARENT(S)



ARTICLE 25

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO RETURN TO THEIR FAMILY OR BE CARED FOR BY OTHER ADULTS IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A FAMILY



ARTICLE 26

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO GET HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT IF THEIR COUNTRY IS IN A SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY DUE TO THEIR RACE OR RELIGION



ARTICLE 27

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM SEXUAL ABUSE



ARTICLE 28

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL DRUGS AND THE DRUG TRADE



ARTICLE 29

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM KIDNAPPING AND TRAFFICKING



ARTICLE 30

PREGNANT WOMEN AND MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPECIAL PROTECTION IF THEY ARE IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW



ARTICLE 31

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEIR FAMILY, RESPECT THEIR PARENTS, SERVE THEIR COUNTRY WELL, SUPPORT THEIR AFRICAN CULTURE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT