

Corporal punishment of children in Georgia: Briefing for the Universal Periodic Review, 37th session, November 2020



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This submission provides an update on the legality of corporal punishment of children in Georgia since its review in the second cycle UPR in 2015. We are delighted to inform the Working Group that Georgia has now prohibited corporal punishment in all settings, including the home.

We hope the Working Group will welcome the explicit prohibition of all corporal punishment of children in Georgia. We hope states will raise the issue of corporal punishment of children during the review in 2020 and make a specific recommendation that all measures be taken to ensure implementation of the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings, including the home.

1 Prohibition of all corporal punishment of children in Georgia

1.1 Corporal punishment is unlawful in all settings, including the home. Article 53.2 of the Code on the Rights of the Child 2019 states (unofficial translation): “Corporal punishment, torture or any other cruel, degrading or inhuman treatment or punishment of children shall be prohibited in the family, preschool or general education institutions, alternative care services, medical and/or psychiatric institutions, penitentiary facilities and any other places. The commission of such acts shall be punishable under the effective legislation of Georgia.” Article 24.5 of the Code states that (unofficial translation): “The application of the methods in the process of upbringing or educating the child by the parents or the person responsible for his/her upbringing which includes corporal punishment or other cruel, degrading or inhuman treatment and/or punishment towards the child shall be inadmissible.” This is reiterated in article 25.5. Additionally, article 60.2 of the Code on the Rights of the Child 2019 puts an obligation on Georgia to “take all administrative, social and educational measures necessary to eliminate corporal punishment of children and the practice of any other cruel or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of children” (unofficial translation). The Code comes into force on 1 June 2020.

1.2 Georgia became a Pathfinder country with the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children in May 2018. This committed the Government to three to five years of accelerated action towards the achievement of Target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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The Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children has regularly briefed the Committee on the Rights of the Child on this issue since 2002, since 2004 has similarly briefed the Committee Against Torture, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Human Rights Committee, and since 2011 the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.