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Typology of rights in the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Rights in the CRC	Civil and Political	Economic, Social and Cultural	Protection	Not a right/ defies tri-partite classification
Art 1 Definition of child				X
Art 2 Right to non- discrimination (a general principle of the Convention)	Х	X	X	
Art 3 Best interests of the child (a general principle of the Convention)	Х	X	X	
Art 4 Nature of the legal obligation in the CRC				Х
Art 5 Rights and responsibilities of parents, family etc.	X (right to family life)		X (responsibilities of parents)	
Art 6 Right to life, survival and development (a general principle of the Convention)	Х	X	X	
Art 7 Name, nationality, right to be cared for by parents	Х		X	
Art 8 Preservation of identity, nationality, name, family relations	X		X	
Art 9 Right not to be separated from parents against their will	Х		X	
Art 10 Family reunification	X		X	

Rights in the CRC	Civil and Political	Economic, Social and Cultural	Protection	Not a right/ defies tri-partite classification
Art 11 Illicit transfer and non-return of children abroad	X		X	
Art 12 Right to be heard (a general principle of the Convention)	X	X	X	
Art 13 Freedom of expression	X			
Art 14 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion	Х			
Art 15 Freedom of association and assembly	X			
Art 16 Privacy	X			
Art 17 Mass media	X			
Art 18 Common responsibilities of parents; appropriate assistance to parents		X (appropriate assistance to parents)	X (common respons- ibilities of parents)	
Art 19 Protection from all types of violence			Х	
Art 20 Special protection, assistance and alternative care for children deprived of family environment			Х	
Art 21 Adoption			X	
Art 22 Right of asylum seeking/refugee child to appropriate protection and assistance	Х	X	Х	
Art 23 Rights of the child with disability	X	X	X	
Art 24 Right to health		X		

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Rights in the CRC	Civil and Political	Economic, Social and Cultural	Protection	Not a right/ defies tri-partite classification
Art 25 Care placement for physical or mental health		X		
Art 26 Right to social security		X		
Art 27 Right to an adequate standard of living		Х		
Arts 28 & 29 Right to education		X		
Art 30 Rights of minority children	X	X		
Art 31 Right to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities		Х		
Art 32 Protection from economic exploitation		X	Х	
Art 33 Protection from illicit use of narcotic drugs			X	
Art 34 Protection from exploitation and sexual abuse			X	
Art 35 & Optional Protocol – Prevention of abduction, sale, traffic in children			Х	
Art 36 Protection from all other forms of exploitation			X	
Art 37 Prohibition of torture etc	X			
Art 37 (cont'd) Right to liberty and conditions of detention	X			
Art 38 & Optional Protocol – Prohibition of underage recruitment and participation in hostilities			Х	

Rights in the CRC	Civil and	Economic,	Protection	Not a right/
	Political	Social and		defies
		Cultural		tri-partite
				classification
Art 39 Right to recovery		X (Right to	X	
and reintegration of child		health)		
victim of various forms of				
ill-treatment				
Art 40 Juvenile justice	X			
Art 41 Guarantee clause				X
Total number	21	16	23	3

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