

## QUICK GUIDE TO ADDRESSING SEXUAL RIGHTS ISSUES DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW ON CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

These Guides include:

- A list of issues mentioned in the National Report, the Compilation of official UN Documents and the Summary of Other Stakeholders Submissions, with references to the particular paragraphs in which they can be found.
- The full text of those paragraphs
- In those cases in which the Sexual Rights Initiative has submitted reports, we have included an Annex with our recommendations.

References in the two working languages of the Council (English and French) have been kept in their original language.

**Issues** are highlighted, while **recommendations** are in bold and underlined. References in the National Report are *in Italics*.

All sexual rights issues that do not relate specifically to women are referred to in this Guide. Sexual rights' issues referring specifically to women -as well as other women's issues- are referred to in the Guide on Women's Issues

OP-CRC-SC (Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography) not ratified. The Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) recommended that the Central African Republic consider ratifying OP-CRC-SC (Para 1, Compilation)

ISSUE	N Report	Compilation	Summary
<b>Criminalization of same-sex consensual practices</b>			Article 195 Penal Code (2 months -6 years imprisonment plus fine) (32)
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	Law on the rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS (43)	Need to improve efforts and attend to HIV/AIDS orphans (51)	Socio-cultural factors causing high rates of infection coupled with poor health facilities (37)

<b>Trafficking/sexual exploitation</b>  <b>/violence against children</b>		Measures to eliminate children sale, prostitution, sexual abuse demanded (28)	
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### Criminalization of same-sex consensual practices

L' Association AZUR Développement et Sexual Rights Initiative. (AAD / SRI) ont signalé que selon l'article 195 du Code pénal, « tout acte contre nature commis dans lieu ouvert ou public avec un individu de même sexe sera considéré comme outrage public à la pudeur et puni d'un emprisonnement de 6 mois à 2 ans et d'une amende de 100.002 à 800.000f. » (Para 32, Summary).

### HIV/AIDS

*Des actions amorcées par le Gouvernement dans le domaine de la santé concernant entre autres: k) La Loi n°06.030 du 12 Septembre 2006 fixant les droits et obligations des personnes vivants avec le VIH/SIDA (Para 43, NR).*

**CRC urged the State to strengthen efforts to combat HIV/AIDS ( ), as well as to minimize the impact upon children of HIV/AIDS-related deaths of parents, teachers and others** (Para 51, Compilation).

L'AAD et SRI ont signalé que selon le PNUD et l'UNICEF, 66 pour cent des lits d'hôpitaux sont occupés par des personnes infectées par le VIH/SIDA et, en 2000, près de 86 pour cent des décès d'enseignants étaient liés au VIH/SIDA. Pour l'AAD et SRI, cette situation est essentiellement imputable à la pauvreté et au manque d'éducation, au manque d'accès à des services de dépistage et de conseil, ainsi qu'à la médiocrité des services de santé. Des informations similaires ont été rapportées par la Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme et la Ligue centrafricaine des droits de l'Homme (FIDH et la LCDH), qui ont recommandé aux autorités d'accentuer les programmes de sensibilisation sur le VIH/SIDA et d'accorder des soins aux malades. (Para 37, Summary)

### Trafficking/ sexual exploitation of children / Violence against children

**CRC recommended in 2000 that the State monitor and address incidents involving the sale or prostitution of children; and implement measures to address abuse, including sexual abuse ( )** (Para 28, Compilation).

- Recommend that in order to allow for better HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment of vulnerable sectors in the population and to comply with the dispositions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, CAF repeals Article 195 of the Penal Code, that criminalizes same-sex practices between consenting adults.
- While congratulating CAF for providing legal protection to persons living with HIV/AIDS, recall CRC's recommendation (to strengthen efforts to combat HIV/AIDS as well as to minimize the impact upon children of HIV/AIDS-related deaths of parents, teachers and others) and recommend it be implemented.