

QUICK GUIDE TO ADDRESSING SEXUAL RIGHTS ISSUES DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW ON DJIBOUTI^[1]

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.

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): signature only (2006). *Conformément à ses engagements, la République de Djibouti a entamé le processus de ratification du Protocole facultatif à la Convention relative aux droits de l'Enfant, concernant la vente d'enfants, la prostitution des enfants et la pornographie mettant en scène des enfants* (Para 106, NR). In 2006, Djibouti pledged to ratify OP-CRC-SC. In 2008, the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) encouraged Djibouti to ratify both Optional Protocols (Para 1, Compilation)

| Issue | National Report | Compilation | Summary |
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| Child Sexual Exploitation | | Vulnerability, inhuman conditions of work (32) | |
| HIV/AIDS | Legal framework (110); sensitivity campaigns (111) | Protection laws (3, 13); National Programme, prevalence still high (37); as a domain for cooperation with UNDAF (49) | |
| Trafficking | | Adoption of law against trafficking (3) | |
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Child sexual exploitation

CRC expressed concern that children are involved in **work in inhuman and degrading conditions and are particularly vulnerable** to drugs, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and early pregnancies (Para 32, Compilation)

See also Girl Children in the Guide on Women's Issues

HIV/AIDS

*Les lois en République de Djibouti sont conçues comme étant des instruments qui doivent permettre la défense des libertés fondamentales et c'est dans ce cadre : c) Que des **lois** protégeant les groupes vulnérables ont été votés notamment une protégeant les personnes vivant avec le virus du VIH/SIDA (Para 110, NR). CRC welcomed the adoption of the Law on the protection of persons living with HIV/Aids, in 2007 (Para 3, Compilation). CRC welcomed the passing of a law in 2006 implementing measures against discrimination and stigmatization of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families (Para 13, Compilation)*

*Dans un souci de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme ; certaines mesures ont été prises pour diffuser, respecter et faire respecter les droits de l'homme sur toute l'étendue de son territoire à travers des actions aussi diverses telle que la mise en place des **campagnes de sensibilisation** et préventions contre les risques liés au VIH (Para 111, NR). CRC welcomed Djibouti's efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, including through, *inter alia*, the creation of a national programme to fight pandemics (2003-2007); the setting up of a new institutional and organizational framework to address the issue; and the setting up of a Solidarity Fund in 2004 to assist AIDS orphans. Nevertheless, the Committee was concerned that the **prevalence of HIV/AIDS remains high** and, without policy and other interventions could rise even higher (Para 37, Compilation)*

The 2003-2007 **UNDAF** listed four **domains of cooperation** including promotion of sustainable health and fight against the expansion of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases (Para 49, Compilation)

Trafficking

CRC welcomed the **adoption of the Law** against trafficking in human beings in 2007 (Para 3, Compilation)

[1] These Guides were produced by the Sexual Rights Initiative, a coalition of organizations based in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and North America whose mandate is to advance women's issues broadly and sexual rights issues in the Human Rights Council. For questions, comments, suggestions please contact Alejandra Sardá-Chandiramani at alejandra@mulabi.org