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**CONCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE  
OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD  
(ACERWC) ON THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT REPORT ON THE  
STATUTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON  
THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD**

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) extends its compliments to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and wishes to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the initial report on the status of implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The ACERWC at its 12<sup>th</sup> Session considered Egypt initial and first Country periodic report which was submitted in accordance with the State Parties obligation under Article 43 of the Charter

The Committee commends the State Party for its large delegation headed by H.E Minister MOUSHIRA KHATTAB, and its high-level inter-ministerial composition.

Following consideration of this report, the Committee has the honor to submit to the Government of Egypt the following recommendations:

1-RATIFICATION OF THE CHARTER: to waive the reservations entered into on the Charter;

2- POPULARISATION OF THE CHARTER: to widely disseminate the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

3- THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: to take into account the rights of the child in the definition of all development policies;

4- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT: to strengthen the capacity of this structure;

5- BIRTHS REGISTRATION: to deploy all necessary means to cover all centers for reporting of births within the entire national territory;

6- THE AGE OF MARRIAGE AND EMPLOYMENT: The Committee notes that the age of marriage and employment do not conform to the requirements of the Charter and recommends the State party to undertake legislative reforms with a view of harmonizing the age of marriage and the age of employment with the provisions of the Charter;

7- SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: to adopt, in addition to criminal penalties, which must also be very severe, mechanisms to take care of the victims;

8- DISABLED CHILDREN: to provide to the community, rehabilitation centers with adequate and sufficient budget in order to solve the problems of disabled children;

9- TRAFFIC OF DRUGS: to take effective detoxifications measures and support the victims;

10- CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: The Committee notes that there is some resistance to put an end this practice and recommend the State party to take the necessary measures to abolish the practice;

11-CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK: The Committee notes that there is discrimination between children born out of wedlock and those born in wedlock and recommends a better status for children born out of wedlock;

12- AGES OF MINORITY: The Committee notes that the age of minority varies depending on the contents (civil, criminal) and suggests that the State Party should standardize ages in conformity with the provisions of the Charter;

13- ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE: to provide mechanisms and structures outside the prison to take care of minors in conflict with the law;

14- PROTECTION AGAINST HARMFUL CULTURAL PRACTICES: to strengthen the strategies to fight against female circumcision, female genital mutilation and harmful cultural practices;

15- CHILD LABOR: to adopt legislative measures to curb this phenomenon;

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child takes this opportunity to renew to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the assurances of its highest consideration.