

Global progress towards prohibiting all corporal punishment

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The following table summarises the legal status of corporal punishment of children – and progress towards achieving prohibition – in all states and territories in all settings, the home, alternative care, day care, schools, penal institutions and as a sentence for crime. Governments are increasingly enacting laws to prohibit this form of violence against children. As at March 2017, 52 states have achieved prohibition in all settings, including the home; governments of at least 54 other states have expressed a commitment to enacting full prohibition. Draft legislation that would achieve prohibition in all or some settings is under discussion in some states. With the exception of alternative care and day care, which include those forms of care most closely linked with the legal duties and obligations of parents, the majority of states have prohibited corporal punishment of children outside the family home, but there is much still to be done. The Global Initiative offers technical support and advice on all aspects of law reform to achieve prohibition and publishes a number of useful resources free of charge – please see www.endcorporalpunishment.org or email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

Assessing global progress towards prohibition is a complex task. When a state reforms the law to prohibit corporal punishment in the home, the legislation must be closely examined to ensure there are no legal defences for its use by parents/carers (such as a “right of correction” or a right to administer “reasonable” punishment), and that it prohibits all forms of corporal punishment, however light. The Global Initiative also seeks official confirmation from governments and other sources that the new law is unequivocally interpreted as prohibiting all corporal punishment in childrearing.

With regard to settings outside the home, in many states legislation explicitly prohibits corporal punishment in schools and other institutions. In some states, the illegality of corporal punishment is based on particular combinations of criminal laws on assault and the absence of a legal defence, together with other legislation protecting children in the setting and relevant case law, etc. Alternatively, there may be a high-level court judgment which makes corporal punishment unlawful but which has yet to be confirmed in legislation. Of states in which corporal punishment is lawful in schools or other institutions, some simply lack legislation prohibiting corporal punishment and some explicitly authorise its use in those settings. There are also states that have prohibited corporal punishment in some but not all aspects of a setting (e.g. prohibiting it only in primary schools). The table illustrates some of the complexities: for full details see the individual country reports at www.endcorporalpunishment.org; to provide us with further information please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

	Home	Alternative care settings*	Day care [†]	Schools	Penal institutions	Sentence for crime
Fully prohibited	52	59	59	129	138	164
Not fully prohibited	146	139	139	69	60	34

* “Alternative care” refers to formal foster care and to group care for children in a context other than a family home (institutions, orphanages, children’s homes, cluster foster care, “village” style care, baby homes, youth homes, safe homes/places of safety, emergency care, etc)

[†] “Day care” includes all forms of early childhood care (nurseries, kindergartens, preschools, crèches, children’s/family centres, etc) and all formal day care for older children (day centres, after-school childcare, childminding, etc).

States with full prohibition in legislation

The following 52 states have prohibited corporal punishment in all settings, including the home.

<i>States with full prohibition ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Albania	YES ³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Andorra	YES ⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Argentina	YES ⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Austria	YES ⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Benin	YES ⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bolivia	YES ⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brazil	YES ⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bulgaria	YES ¹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cabo Verde	YES ¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Congo, Republic of	YES ¹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Costa Rica	YES ¹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Croatia	YES ¹⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cyprus	YES ¹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Denmark	YES ¹⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Estonia	YES ¹⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Finland	YES ¹⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Germany	YES ¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Greece	YES ²⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Honduras	YES ²¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hungary	YES ²²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Iceland	YES ²³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ireland	YES ²⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

³ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Rights of the Child 2010

⁴ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Criminal Code 2005

⁵ Prohibited in Civil and Commercial Code 2014, in force 2016

⁶ Prohibited in 1989 amendment to General Civil Code, reiterated in Federal Constitutional Act on the Rights of Children 2011

⁷ Prohibited in Children's Code 2015

⁸ Prohibited in Children and Adolescents Code 2014

⁹ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Children and Adolescents Code 1990

¹⁰ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2000 (amended 2003) and Regulations on the Implementation of the Child Protection Act 2003

¹¹ Prohibited in Law on Children and Adolescents 2013

¹² Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Child 2010

¹³ Prohibited in 2008 amendments to Code on Children and Adolescents and Family Code

¹⁴ Prohibited in Family Act 1998, superceded by Family Act 2003

¹⁵ Prohibited in Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Law 1994, reiterated in Act on Violence in the Family 2000; right "to administer punishment" formally repealed from Children's Law 1956 in 2013

¹⁶ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, reiterated in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007

¹⁷ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2014, in force January 2016

¹⁸ Prohibited in Child Custody and Rights of Access Act 1983

¹⁹ Prohibited in 2000 amendment to Civil Code

²⁰ Prohibited in Law 3500/2006 on the Combating of Intra-family Violence 2006

²¹ Prohibited in 2013 amendments to Family Code and Civil Code

²² Prohibited in 2004 amendment to Child Protection Act 1997

²³ Prohibited in Children's Act 2003

²⁴ Prohibited in 2015 amendment to Offences Against the Person (Non Fatal) Act 1997

<i>States with full prohibition ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Israel	YES ²⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kenya	YES ²⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latvia	YES ²⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Liechtenstein	YES ²⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lithuania	YES ²⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Luxembourg	YES ³⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Malta	YES ³¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mongolia	YES ³²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Netherlands	YES ³³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Zealand	YES ³⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nicaragua	YES ³⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Norway	YES ³⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Paraguay	YES ³⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peru	YES ³⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Poland	YES ³⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Portugal	YES ⁴⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Republic of Moldova	YES ⁴¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Romania	YES ⁴²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
San Marino	YES ⁴³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Slovenia	YES ⁴⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Sudan	YES ⁴⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spain	YES ⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sweden	YES ⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
TFYR Macedonia	YES ⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²⁵ 2000 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing; “reasonable chastisement” defence repealed same year

²⁶ Prohibited in Constitution 2010 but some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁷ Prohibited in Children's Rights Protection Law 1998

²⁸ Prohibited in Children and Youth Act 2008

²⁹ Prohibited in 2017 amendments to Law on the Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child 1996

³⁰ Prohibited in Law on Children and the Family 2008

³¹ Prohibited in 2014 amendment to Criminal Code but some legislation still to be formally repealed

³² Prohibited in Law on the Rights of Children 2016 and Law on Child Protection 2016

³³ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

³⁴ Prohibited in Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act 2007

³⁵ Prohibited in Family Code 2014, in force April 2015

³⁶ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, confirmed in further amendments 2010 following 2005 Supreme Court decision supportive of “lighter smacks”

³⁷ Prohibited in Law on promotion of good treatment, positive parenting and protection of children and adolescents against corporal punishment or any type of violence as a method of correction or discipline 2016

³⁸ Prohibited in Law prohibiting physical and other humiliating punishment against children and adolescents 2015

³⁹ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Family and Guardianship Code 1964

⁴⁰ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Penal Code

⁴¹ Prohibited in 2008 amendment to Family Code

⁴² Prohibited in Law on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child 2004

⁴³ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Penal Code and Law of 26 April 1986 No. 49 on Family Law Reform

⁴⁴ Prohibited in Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Prevention of Family Violence 2016

⁴⁵ Prohibited in Transitional Constitution 2011, confirming pre-independence prohibition in Interim Constitution 2005 and Child Act 2008

⁴⁶ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

⁴⁷ Prohibited in 1979 amendment to Parenthood and Guardianship Code

<i>States with full prohibition ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Togo	YES ⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tunisia	YES ⁵⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turkmenistan	YES ⁵¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ukraine	YES ⁵²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Uruguay	YES ⁵³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Venezuela	YES ⁵⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Corporal punishment unlawful by Supreme Court ruling

In the following states, Supreme Court rulings have declared corporal punishment to be unlawful in all settings including the home but prohibition has not yet been enacted in legislation. Nepal is committed to law reform; Italy is yet to make a public commitment to enacting prohibition.

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Italy	NO ⁵⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nepal ⁵⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

States expressing commitment to law reform in UPR and other contexts

Governments in the following states have expressed a commitment to prohibition of all corporal punishment of children through unequivocally accepting recommendations to prohibit made during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the state concerned and/or in another official context.

<i>States committed to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Afghanistan ⁵⁷	NO	NO	SOME ⁵⁸	YES	NO	NO ⁵⁹
Algeria ⁶⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Angola ⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

⁴⁸ Prohibited in Law on Child Protection 2013

⁴⁹ Prohibited in Children's Code 2007

⁵⁰ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Penal Code

⁵¹ Prohibited in Law on Guarantees of the Rights of the Child 2002, reiterated in Family Code 2012

⁵² Prohibited in Family Code 2003

⁵³ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Civil Code and Children and Adolescents Code 2004

⁵⁴ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents 1998

⁵⁵ 1996 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing but this not yet confirmed in legislation

⁵⁶ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation; 2005 Supreme Court ruling removed legal defence for corporal punishment by parents, guardians and teachers; draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

⁵⁷ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

⁵⁸ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁵⁹ Lawful under Shari'a law

⁶⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

<i>States committed to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Armenia ⁶²	NO	SOME ⁶³	NO	YES	YES	YES
Azerbaijan ⁶⁴	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bangladesh ⁶⁵	NO	NO	NO	YES ⁶⁶	NO	NO
Belize ⁶⁷	NO	SOME ⁶⁸	SOME ⁶⁹	YES	SOME ⁷⁰	YES
Bhutan ⁷¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁷²	[YES]	YES
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁷³	SOME ⁷⁴	SOME ⁷⁵	SOME ⁷⁶	YES	YES	YES
Burkina Faso ⁷⁷	NO	NO	SOME ⁷⁸	SOME ⁷⁹	[YES]	YES
Chile ⁸⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Comoros ⁸¹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]
Cuba ⁸²	NO	[SOME] ⁸³	[SOME] ⁸⁴	[YES]	YES	YES
Dominican Republic ⁸⁵	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ecuador ⁸⁶	NO	NO	SOME ⁸⁷	YES	YES	SOME ⁸⁸
El Salvador ⁸⁹	NO	NO	SOME ⁹⁰	YES	YES	YES

⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit all corporal punishment (2014)

⁶² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015); draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

⁶³ Unlawful in care institutions

⁶⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2009, 2013)

⁶⁵ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation; Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

⁶⁶ Unlawful under 2011 Supreme Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

⁶⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

⁶⁸ Prohibited in residential care facilities

⁶⁹ Prohibited in day care centres

⁷⁰ Prohibited in "Youth Hostel" detention centre

⁷¹ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

⁷² Code of Conduct and ministerial directives state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁷³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

⁷⁴ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁷⁵ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁷⁶ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁷⁷ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

⁷⁸ Prohibited in preschool settings

⁷⁹ Prohibited in primary schools

⁸⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); prohibiting legislation under discussion (2016)

⁸¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); draft legislation which would prohibit possibly under discussion (2014)

⁸² Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition

⁸³ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

⁸⁴ Possibly prohibited in preschool institutions

⁸⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2009) and adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition; prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

⁸⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸⁷ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸⁸ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁸⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2010); commitment reaffirmed at Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute meeting (2014)

<i>States committed to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Fiji ⁹¹	NO	NO	NO	YES ⁹²	YES	YES
Georgia ⁹³	NO	[SOME] ⁹⁴	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guinea-Bissau ⁹⁵	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
India ⁹⁶	NO	SOME ⁹⁷	NO ⁹⁸	SOME ⁹⁹	YES ¹⁰⁰	SOME ¹⁰¹
Kiribati ¹⁰²	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Kyrgyzstan ¹⁰³	NO	SOME ¹⁰⁴	NO	YES	[YES]	YES
Marshall Islands ¹⁰⁵	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁰⁶	YES	YES
Mauritius ¹⁰⁷	NO	NO	[SOME] ¹⁰⁸	YES	NO	YES
Mexico ¹⁰⁹	NO	SOME ¹¹⁰	SOME ¹¹¹	YES	YES	YES
Micronesia ¹¹²	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Montenegro ¹¹³	NO	NO	SOME ¹¹⁴	YES	YES	YES
Morocco ¹¹⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁶	YES	YES
Mozambique ¹¹⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁸	YES	YES
Namibia ¹¹⁹	NO	SOME ¹²⁰	SOME ¹²¹	YES	YES ¹²²	YES ¹²³

⁹⁰ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁹¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁹² Unlawful under 2002 High Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

⁹³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

⁹⁴ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

⁹⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

⁹⁶ Commitment to prohibition in all settings confirmed in report to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2011); Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁹⁷ Prohibited in care institutions except in Jammu and Kashmir; bill which would prohibit in all childcare institutions under discussion (2014)

⁹⁸ Bill which would prohibit in anganwadi centres and playschools under discussion (2014)

⁹⁹ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds except in Jammu and Kashmir; not prohibited in religious schools

¹⁰⁰ But prohibiting law not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir

¹⁰¹ Permitted in traditional justice systems

¹⁰² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings and repeal "reasonable punishment" defence (2015)

¹⁰³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁰⁴ Prohibited in residential institutions

¹⁰⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

¹⁰⁶ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁰⁷ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹⁰⁸ Possibly unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁰⁹ Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011), which recommends full prohibition; prohibition included in General Law on the Rights of Children and Adolescents 2014 but further reform needed

¹¹⁰ Prohibited in institutions

¹¹¹ Prohibited in institutions

¹¹² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹¹³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2013); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹¹⁴ Prohibited in preschool education

¹¹⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

¹¹⁶ Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹¹⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2016)

¹¹⁸ Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹¹⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

¹²⁰ Unlawful in state-run childcare under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

¹²¹ Unlawful in state-run childcare under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

<i>States committed to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Niger ¹²⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹²⁵	NO	YES
Oman ¹²⁶	NO	NO	[SOME] ¹²⁷	YES	NO	[YES]
Pakistan ¹²⁸	SOME ¹²⁹	SOME ¹³⁰	SOME ¹³¹	SOME ¹³²	SOME ¹³³	SOME ¹³⁴
Palau ¹³⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Panama ¹³⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Papua New Guinea ¹³⁷	NO	SOME ¹³⁸	NO	NO	YES	YES
Philippines ¹³⁹	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Rwanda ¹⁴⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Samoa ¹⁴¹	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴²	SOME ¹⁴³	YES	YES
Sao Tome and Principe ¹⁴⁴	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	[YES]	[YES]
Serbia ¹⁴⁵	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES
Seychelles ¹⁴⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁴⁸	NO	YES
Sierra Leone ¹⁴⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Slovakia ¹⁵⁰	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Africa ¹⁵¹	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹²² Unlawful under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

¹²³ Unlawful under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

¹²⁴ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

¹²⁵ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹²⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹²⁷ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

¹²⁸ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation, confirmed 2014 in Government launch of national campaign for law reform

¹²⁹ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

¹³⁰ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

¹³¹ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

¹³² Prohibited for 5-16 year olds in Punjab; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

¹³³ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice System Ordinance 2000, not applicable in all areas and other laws not amended/repealed; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

¹³⁴ Lawful under Shari'a law; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

¹³⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2011, 2016)

¹³⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

¹³⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

¹³⁸ Corporal punishment of children "in the care of the Director" prohibited

¹³⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home and other settings (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁴⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings and to repeal the "right of correction" (2011, 2015)

¹⁴¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2011)

¹⁴² Prohibited in early childhood centres

¹⁴³ Prohibited in government schools for children aged 5-14

¹⁴⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011, 2015)

¹⁴⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2008, 2013)

¹⁴⁶ Prohibited in day care which forms part of education system

¹⁴⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

¹⁴⁸ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all circumstances (2016)

¹⁵⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009); prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

<i>States committed to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Sri Lanka ¹⁵²	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁵³	SOME ¹⁵⁴	YES
Tajikistan ¹⁵⁵	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁵⁶	YES	NO	YES
Thailand ¹⁵⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Timor-Leste ¹⁵⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Turkey ¹⁵⁹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Uganda ¹⁶⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Zambia ¹⁶¹	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁶²	YES	YES	YES ¹⁶³
Zimbabwe ¹⁶⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁶⁵

States without a clear commitment to law reform

The following states have yet to make a clear commitment to prohibiting all corporal punishment. Some have accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit but have also indicated that they consider existing legislation adequately protects children from corporal punishment, in conflict with information collected by the Global Initiative. Some have accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit corporal punishment but rejected other similar recommendations.

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Antigua and Barbuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Australia	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁶	SOME ¹⁶⁷	SOME ¹⁶⁸	SOME ¹⁶⁹	YES
Bahamas	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁰	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁷¹	[NO] ¹⁷²

¹⁵¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁵² Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

¹⁵³ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁵⁴ Prohibited in prisons

¹⁵⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

¹⁵⁶ Prohibited in preschool education settings

¹⁵⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012)

¹⁵⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2011)

¹⁵⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

¹⁶⁰ Government Bill which would prohibit in all settings tabled in 2015 but failed to progress through parliament

¹⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012); draft Constitution would prohibit (2016)

¹⁶² Prohibited in preschool provision

¹⁶³ Unlawful under 1999 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

¹⁶⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

¹⁶⁵ 2014 High Court ruling declaring judicial corporal punishment unconstitutional not yet confirmed by Constitutional Court

¹⁶⁶ Prohibited in all residential centres and foster care in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia

¹⁶⁷ Prohibited in all states/territories except in Northern Territory and Tasmania; prohibition in childminding unconfirmed

¹⁶⁸ Prohibited in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia

¹⁶⁹ Prohibited in all states/territories except Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia

¹⁷⁰ Prohibited in residential institutions

¹⁷¹ But some legislation possibly still to be repealed

¹⁷² Prohibited in 1984 but reintroduced in 1991

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Bahrain	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Barbados	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁷³	NO	NO	NO
Belarus ¹⁷⁴	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Belgium	NO ¹⁷⁵	SOME ¹⁷⁶	NO	YES	YES	YES
Botswana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Brunei Darussalam ¹⁷⁷	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁸	NO	NO	NO
Burundi	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Cambodia	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Cameroon	NO	NO	[SOME] ¹⁷⁹	YES	[YES]	YES
Canada	NO ¹⁸⁰	SOME ¹⁸¹	SOME ¹⁸²	YES ¹⁸³	YES	YES
Central African Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Chad ¹⁸⁴	NO	[SOME] ¹⁸⁵	[SOME] ¹⁸⁶	YES	[YES]	YES
China	NO ¹⁸⁷	[NO]	SOME ¹⁸⁸	YES	YES	YES
Colombia	NO	[SOME] ¹⁸⁹	NO	[YES] ¹⁹⁰	[YES] ¹⁹¹	SOME ¹⁹²
Cook Islands	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁹³	YES	NO	YES
Cote d'Ivoire	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁹⁴	YES	YES
Czech Republic	NO	SOME ¹⁹⁵	SOME ¹⁹⁶	YES	YES	YES
Djibouti	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Dominica	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁹⁷	NO	NO	NO
DPR Korea ¹⁹⁸	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ¹⁹⁹	[YES]	[YES]

¹⁷³ Prohibited in day nurseries

¹⁷⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2010) but stated it had already been implemented and all corporal punishment unlawful

¹⁷⁵ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016); Government gave a mixed response to UPR recommendations to prohibit (2016)

¹⁷⁶ Prohibited in institutions in Flemish community

¹⁷⁷ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected others (2009)

¹⁷⁸ Prohibited in childcare centres

¹⁷⁹ Possibly prohibited in nursery education

¹⁸⁰ 2004 Supreme Court ruling limited but upheld parents' right to physically punish children; Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁸¹ Prohibited in state provided care in Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba and in foster care in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario; in Ontario prohibited in provincially licensed childcare programmes and in foster homes for children receiving services from provincially licensed/approved child protection agency or other service provider

¹⁸² Prohibited in all states/territories except New Brunswick

¹⁸³ Unlawful under 2004 Supreme Court ruling but this not yet confirmed in laws relating to private schools and to all schools in Alberta and Manitoba

¹⁸⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in 2009 but rejected recommendation to prohibit in 2013

¹⁸⁵ Possibly prohibited in institutional care settings

¹⁸⁶ Possibly prohibited in institutions

¹⁸⁷ But corporal punishment of girls prohibited in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone

¹⁸⁸ Prohibited in nurseries and kindergartens

¹⁸⁹ Possibly unlawful in care institutions

¹⁹⁰ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

¹⁹¹ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

¹⁹² Lawful in indigenous communities

¹⁹³ Prohibited in institutions providing early childhood education

¹⁹⁴ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁹⁵ Unlawful in institutions

¹⁹⁶ Prohibited in preschool provision

¹⁹⁷ Prohibited in early childhood education facilities

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
DR Congo	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Egypt	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ²⁰⁰	[YES] ²⁰¹	YES
Equatorial Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Eritrea	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁰²	[NO]	YES
Ethiopia ²⁰³	NO	SOME ²⁰⁴	SOME ²⁰⁵	YES	YES	YES
France ²⁰⁶	NO	NO	NO	YES ²⁰⁷	YES	YES
Gabon	NO	NO	SOME ²⁰⁸	YES	YES	YES
Gambia	NO	NO ²⁰⁹	NO	NO ²¹⁰	NO	YES
Ghana ²¹¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹²	SOME ²¹³	YES
Grenada	NO	SOME ²¹⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹⁵
Guatemala ²¹⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹⁷	[NO]	YES
Guyana	NO	SOME ²¹⁸	SOME ²¹⁹	NO	SOME ²²⁰	SOME ²²¹
Haiti	NO ²²²	[YES] ²²³	[YES] ²²⁴	YES	YES	YES
Indonesia	NO	NO ²²⁵	NO	NO	YES	SOME ²²⁶
Iran	NO	NO	SOME ²²⁷	NO ²²⁸	YES	NO

¹⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

¹⁹⁹ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

²⁰⁰ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

²⁰¹ Possibly lawful in social welfare institutions

²⁰² Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁰³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment but rejected recommendation to criminalise it (2014)

²⁰⁴ Prohibited in institutions

²⁰⁵ Prohibited in institutions

²⁰⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2013) but stated that acceptance of recommendations did not necessarily imply a commitment to further action

²⁰⁷ But courts have recognised a “right of correction”

²⁰⁸ Prohibited in preschool provision

²⁰⁹ Minimum standards for residential childcare institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²¹⁰ Ministerial directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²¹¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2008, 2012) but also defended “reasonable” punishment and has asserted existing legislation is adequate

²¹² Ministerial directive possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²¹³ Prohibited in prisons

²¹⁴ Prohibited in childcare homes

²¹⁵ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice Act 2012, not yet in force

²¹⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2008) and in all settings (2012) but has also said existing law prohibits

²¹⁷ Ministerial circular possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²¹⁸ Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

²¹⁹ Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

²²⁰ Prohibited for persons under 17

²²¹ Prohibited for persons under 17

²²² Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

²²³ Prohibition in foster care unconfirmed

²²⁴ Prohibition in crèches and childminding unconfirmed

²²⁵ National Standards of Care for Child Welfare Institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²²⁶ Lawful under Shari’a law

²²⁷ Prohibited in day care centres (kindergartens)

²²⁸ Government directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Iraq	NO ²²⁹	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²³⁰	YES
Jamaica	NO	YES	SOME ²³¹	NO ²³²	YES	YES
Japan ²³³	SOME ²³⁴	NO	NO	YES ²³⁵	NO	YES
Jordan ²³⁶	NO	[SOME] ²³⁷	[NO]	YES	[YES]	YES
Kazakhstan	NO	[SOME] ²³⁸	SOME ²³⁹	YES	YES	YES
Kuwait ²⁴⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	[YES]
Lao PDR	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴¹	YES	YES	YES
Lebanon	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁴²	[YES]	YES
Lesotho ²⁴³	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Liberia	NO	SOME ²⁴⁴	SOME ²⁴⁵	NO	YES	YES
Libya	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁶	YES	NO	NO
Madagascar	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Malawi	NO	SOME ²⁴⁷	SOME ²⁴⁸	[YES] ²⁴⁹	YES	YES
Malaysia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁰
Maldives ²⁵¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵²	NO	NO
Mali	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵³	YES	YES	YES
Mauritania	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁴	NO	NO
Monaco	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

²²⁹ But possibly prohibited in Kurdistan

²³⁰ Prohibited in prisons and detention centres

²³¹ Prohibited in early childhood centres (“basic schools”)

²³² Prohibition under discussion (2015); see also note on day care

²³³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit all corporal punishment (2008, 2012) but denied that “right to discipline” allows corporal punishment and stated that legislation adequately protects children from “excessive” discipline (2012)

²³⁴ Prohibited in Kawasaki City by local ordinance

²³⁵ But Tokyo High Court has ruled some physical punishment may be lawful in some circumstances

²³⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2009) but stated current laws do not prescribe corporal punishment and subsequently limited but did not repeal right to discipline according to “general custom”

²³⁷ Possibly prohibited in institutions

²³⁸ Possibly prohibited in children's villages

²³⁹ Prohibited in preschool education and training

²⁴⁰ Government accepted 2010 UPR recommendation to prohibit but subsequently stated existing law adequate; Government accepted 2015 recommendation to prohibit but appeared to defend “simple discipline”

²⁴¹ Unlawful in early childhood education settings

²⁴² Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁴³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment, stating it was being implemented (2010), but subsequent law reform prohibited only as sentence for crime

²⁴⁴ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

²⁴⁵ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

²⁴⁶ Unlawful in preschool provision

²⁴⁷ Prohibited in state-run institutions

²⁴⁸ Prohibited in state-run day care

²⁴⁹ Prohibition in private schools unconfirmed

²⁵⁰ Government committed to prohibition (2007); bill which would prohibit (but not under Islamic law) under discussion (2015)

²⁵¹ Government expressed commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation, but law reform in 2014/2015 re-authorised corporal punishment in all settings and Government rejected UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

²⁵² Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁵³ Prohibited in preschools and kindergartens

²⁵⁴ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Myanmar	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁵	NO	YES ²⁵⁶
Nauru	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁵⁷	YES	YES	[YES]
Nigeria	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁸	SOME ²⁵⁹	SOME ²⁶⁰
Niue	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Qatar ²⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁶²	YES	NO
Republic of Korea ²⁶³	SOME ²⁶⁴	SOME ²⁶⁵	SOME ²⁶⁶	SOME ²⁶⁷	YES	YES
Russian Federation	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶⁸	YES	YES	YES
Saudi Arabia ²⁶⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁷⁰	NO	NO
Senegal ²⁷¹	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁷²	[YES]	YES
Singapore	NO	NO	SOME ²⁷³	NO	NO	NO
Solomon Islands ²⁷⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES ²⁷⁵
Somalia	NO	SOME ²⁷⁶	SOME ²⁷⁷	[SOME] ²⁷⁸	SOME ²⁷⁹	SOME ²⁸⁰
St Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ²⁸¹
St Lucia ²⁸²	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
St Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
State of Palestine	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸³	[SOME] ²⁸⁴	[SOME] ²⁸⁵

²⁵⁵ Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁵⁶ But some legislation still to be repealed

²⁵⁷ Possibly prohibited in preschool education settings

²⁵⁸ But possibly prohibited in Lagos State

²⁵⁹ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states

²⁶⁰ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states; lawful in some states under Shari'a law

²⁶¹ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected another similar one, stating corporal punishment already prohibited (2010)

²⁶² Code of Conduct for schools states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁶³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012) but was unclear on need for prohibition in the home

²⁶⁴ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁶⁵ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁶⁶ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁶⁷ Law prohibits direct (with contact) but not indirect (no contact) physical punishment; fully prohibited in Seoul

²⁶⁸ Unlawful in preschool provision

²⁶⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit corporal punishment in schools and penal system but stated already prohibited in schools and care settings (2009); recommendations to prohibit in 2013 UPR rejected

²⁷⁰ Ministerial circulars advise against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁷¹ Draft legislation to prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁷² Prohibited for 6-14 year olds

²⁷³ Prohibited in childcare centres

²⁷⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011) but stated review of Penal Code included assessing need for clarification on lawful corporal punishment

²⁷⁵ But used in traditional justice

²⁷⁶ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁷ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁸ Possibly prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁹ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁸⁰ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁸¹ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁸² Government accepted some but not all UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

²⁸³ Prohibited in UNRWA schools and in East Jerusalem; elsewhere Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁸⁴ Possibly unlawful in East Jerusalem

²⁸⁵ Possibly unlawful in Gaza

<i>States without a clear commitment to law reform ...</i>						
State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸⁶	NO	[YES] ²⁸⁷
Suriname	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁸⁸	YES	YES
Swaziland	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Switzerland	NO ²⁸⁹	[SOME] ²⁹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES
Syrian Arab Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹¹	NO	YES
Taiwan	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁹²	YES	YES	YES
Tonga	NO	NO	SOME ²⁹³	YES	[YES]	NO ²⁹⁴
Trinidad and Tobago	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tuvalu ²⁹⁵	NO	SOME ²⁹⁶	NO	NO	SOME ²⁹⁷	SOME ²⁹⁸
UK	NO	SOME ²⁹⁹	SOME ³⁰⁰	YES ³⁰¹	YES	YES
United Arab Emirates	NO	NO	NO	YES	[YES]	NO
UR Tanzania	NO	SOME ³⁰²	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰³	SOME ³⁰⁴
USA	NO	SOME ³⁰⁵	SOME ³⁰⁶	SOME ³⁰⁷	SOME ³⁰⁸	YES
Uzbekistan	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Vanuatu	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	SOME ³⁰⁹
Viet Nam	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Western Sahara	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]
Yemen	NO	NO	[SOME] ³¹⁰	YES	YES	NO

Note

The above information is based wherever possible on examination of national legislation; additional information is gathered from many sources, including reports to and by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

²⁸⁶ Prohibited in Khartoum State

²⁸⁷ Possibly lawful under Shari'a law

²⁸⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in schools (2011)

²⁸⁹ 2003 Federal Court ruling stated repeated and habitual corporal punishment unacceptable but did not rule out all corporal punishment in childrearing

²⁹⁰ Possibly lawful in family placements

²⁹¹ Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁹² Possibly prohibited in care centres

²⁹³ Prohibited in preschool institutions

²⁹⁴ 2010 Court of Appeal ruling stated "it might be argued" whipping is unconstitutional but did not declare it such

²⁹⁵ Government accepted 2008 UPR recommendation to prohibit but in 2013 accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit and rejected others

²⁹⁶ Prohibited in hospital mental health wing

²⁹⁷ Corporal punishment by police officers prohibited

²⁹⁸ Island courts may order corporal punishment

²⁹⁹ Prohibited in residential institutions and foster care arranged by local authorities and voluntary organisations

³⁰⁰ Prohibited in day care and childminding in England, Wales and Scotland; in Northern Ireland, guidance states physical punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

³⁰¹ But in 2014 Government confirmed no prohibition in "unregistered independent settings providing part-time education"

³⁰² Prohibited in residential institutions in Zanzibar

³⁰³ Prohibited in approved schools and remand homes in Zanzibar

³⁰⁴ Prohibited in Zanzibar

³⁰⁵ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³⁰⁶ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³⁰⁷ Prohibited in public schools in 29 states and District of Columbia, and in public and private schools in Iowa and New Jersey; federal bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

³⁰⁸ Prohibited in 32 states

³⁰⁹ Permitted in rural areas under customary justice systems

³¹⁰ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

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