

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 and six territories 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 states 6 territories	59 states 6 territories	59 states 6 territories	129 states 15 territories	138 states 35 territories	164 states 39 territories
Not fully prohibited	146 states 33 territories	139 states 33 territories	139 states 33 territories	69 states 24 territories	60 states 4 territories	34 states 0 territories

* “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).

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 ³	NO	NO	SOME ⁴	YES	NO	NO ⁵
Albania	YES⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Algeria ⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
American Samoa	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Andorra	YES⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Angola ⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Anguilla	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁰	YES	YES	YES
Antigua and Barbuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Argentina	YES¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Armenia ¹²	NO	SOME ¹³	NO	YES	YES	YES
Aruba	NO ¹⁴	NO	NO	[YES]	[NO]	YES
Australia	NO	SOME ¹⁵	SOME ¹⁶	SOME ¹⁷	SOME ¹⁸	YES
Austria	YES¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Azerbaijan ²⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bahamas	NO	SOME ²¹	NO	NO	[YES] ²²	[NO] ²³
Bahrain	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Bangladesh ²⁴	NO	NO	NO	YES ²⁵	NO	NO
Barbados	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶	NO	NO	NO
Belarus ²⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Belgium	NO ²⁸	SOME ²⁹	NO	YES	YES	YES

³ 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

⁴ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁵ Lawful under Shari'a law

⁶ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Rights of the Child 2010

⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Criminal Code 2005

⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit all corporal punishment (2014)

¹⁰ Prohibited in early childhood education centres

¹¹ Prohibited in Civil and Commercial Code 2014, in force 2016

¹² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015); draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹³ Unlawful in care institutions

¹⁴ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁵ Prohibited in all residential centres and foster care in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia

¹⁶ Prohibited in all states/territories except in Northern Territory and Tasmania; prohibition in childminding unconfirmed

¹⁷ Prohibited in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia

¹⁸ Prohibited in all states/territories except Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia

¹⁹ Prohibited in 1989 amendment to General Civil Code, reiterated in Federal Constitutional Act on the Rights of Children 2011

²⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2009, 2013)

²¹ Prohibited in residential institutions

²² But some legislation possibly still to be repealed

²³ Prohibited in 1984 but reintroduced in 1991

²⁴ 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)

²⁵ Unlawful under 2011 Supreme Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

²⁶ Prohibited in day nurseries

²⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2010) but stated it had already been implemented and all corporal punishment unlawful

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
Belize ³⁰	NO	SOME ³¹	SOME ³²	YES	SOME ³³	YES
Benin	YES³⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bermuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bhutan ³⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO ³⁶	[YES]	YES
Bolivia	YES³⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³⁸	SOME ³⁹	SOME ⁴⁰	SOME ⁴¹	YES	YES	YES
Botswana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Brazil	YES⁴²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
British Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Brunei Darussalam ⁴³	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁴	NO	NO	NO
Bulgaria	YES⁴⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Burkina Faso ⁴⁶	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁷	SOME ⁴⁸	[YES]	YES
Burundi	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Cabo Verde	YES⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cambodia	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Cameroon	NO	NO	[SOME] ⁵⁰	YES	[YES]	YES
Canada	NO ⁵¹	SOME ⁵²	SOME ⁵³	YES ⁵⁴	YES	YES

²⁸ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016); Government gave a mixed response to UPR recommendations to prohibit (2016)

²⁹ Prohibited in institutions in Flemish community

³⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

³¹ Prohibited in residential care facilities

³² Prohibited in day care centres

³³ Prohibited in “Youth Hostel” detention centre

³⁴ Prohibited in Children’s Code 2015

³⁵ 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

³⁶ Code of Conduct and ministerial directives state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

³⁷ Prohibited in Children and Adolescents Code 2014

³⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

³⁹ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴⁰ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴¹ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴² Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Children and Adolescents Code 1990

⁴³ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected others (2009)

⁴⁴ Prohibited in childcare centres

⁴⁵ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2000 (amended 2003) and Regulations on the Implementation of the Child Protection Act 2003

⁴⁶ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

⁴⁷ Prohibited in preschool settings

⁴⁸ Prohibited in primary schools

⁴⁹ Prohibited in Law on Children and Adolescents 2013

⁵⁰ Possibly prohibited in nursery education

⁵¹ 2004 Supreme Court ruling limited but upheld parents’ right to physically punish children; Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

⁵² 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

⁵³ Prohibited in all states/territories except New Brunswick

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
Cayman Islands	NO	SOME ⁵⁵	NO	NO	NO	YES
Central African Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Chad ⁵⁶	NO	[SOME] ⁵⁷	[SOME] ⁵⁸	YES	[YES]	YES
Chile ⁵⁹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
China	NO ⁶⁰	[NO]	SOME ⁶¹	YES	YES	YES
Colombia	NO	[SOME] ⁶²	NO	[YES] ⁶³	[YES] ⁶⁴	SOME ⁶⁵
Comoros ⁶⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]
Congo, Republic of	YES⁶⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cook Islands	NO	NO	SOME ⁶⁸	YES	NO	YES
Costa Rica	YES⁶⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cote d'Ivoire	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁷⁰	YES	YES
Croatia	YES⁷¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cuba ⁷²	NO	[SOME] ⁷³	[SOME] ⁷⁴	[YES]	YES	YES
Curacao	YES⁷⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cyprus	YES⁷⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Czech Republic	NO	SOME ⁷⁷	SOME ⁷⁸	YES	YES	YES
Denmark	YES⁷⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Djibouti	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Dominica	NO	NO	SOME ⁸⁰	NO	NO	NO

⁵⁴ 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

⁵⁵ Prohibited in community homes, registered children's homes and state-organised foster care

⁵⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in 2009 but rejected recommendation to prohibit in 2013

⁵⁷ Possibly prohibited in institutional care settings

⁵⁸ Possibly prohibited in institutions

⁵⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); prohibiting legislation under discussion (2016)

⁶⁰ But corporal punishment of girls prohibited in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone

⁶¹ Prohibited in nurseries and kindergartens

⁶² Possibly unlawful in care institutions

⁶³ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁴ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁵ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁶⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); draft legislation which would prohibit possibly under discussion (2014)

⁶⁷ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Child 2010

⁶⁸ Prohibited in institutions providing early childhood education

⁶⁹ Prohibited in 2008 amendments to Code on Children and Adolescents and Family Code

⁷⁰ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁷¹ Prohibited in Family Act 1998, superseded by Family Act 2003

⁷² Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition

⁷³ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

⁷⁴ Possibly prohibited in preschool institutions

⁷⁵ Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2011

⁷⁶ 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

⁷⁷ Unlawful in institutions

⁷⁸ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁷⁹ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, reiterated in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007

⁸⁰ Prohibited in early childhood education facilities

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
Dominican Republic ⁸¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
DPR Korea ⁸²	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸³	[YES]	[YES]
DR Congo	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Ecuador ⁸⁴	NO	NO	SOME ⁸⁵	YES	YES	SOME ⁸⁶
Egypt	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸⁷	[YES] ⁸⁸	YES
El Salvador ⁸⁹	NO	NO	SOME ⁹⁰	YES	YES	YES
Equatorial Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Eritrea	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁹¹	[NO]	YES
Estonia	YES⁹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ethiopia ⁹³	NO	SOME ⁹⁴	SOME ⁹⁵	YES	YES	YES
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES	YES
Faroe Islands	YES⁹⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fiji ⁹⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES ⁹⁸	YES	YES
Finland	YES⁹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
France ¹⁰⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES ¹⁰¹	YES	YES
French Guiana	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
French Polynesia	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Gabon	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁰²	YES	YES	YES
Gambia	NO	NO ¹⁰³	NO	NO ¹⁰⁴	NO	YES
Georgia ¹⁰⁵	NO	[SOME] ¹⁰⁶	NO	YES	YES	YES

⁸¹ 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)

⁸² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁸³ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁸⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸⁵ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸⁶ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁸⁷ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁸⁸ Possibly lawful in social welfare institutions

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)

⁹⁰ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁹¹ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁹² Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2014, in force January 2016

⁹³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment but rejected recommendation to criminalise it (2014)

⁹⁴ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁵ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁶ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Danish Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, in force in Faroe Islands from 2007

⁹⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁹⁸ Unlawful under 2002 High Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

⁹⁹ Prohibited in Child Custody and Rights of Access Act 1983

¹⁰⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2013) but stated that acceptance of recommendations did not necessarily imply a commitment to further action

¹⁰¹ But courts have recognised a "right of correction"

¹⁰² Prohibited in preschool provision

¹⁰³ Minimum standards for residential childcare institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁴ Ministerial directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁰⁶ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

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
Germany	YES ¹⁰⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ghana ¹⁰⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁰⁹	SOME ¹¹⁰	YES
Gibraltar	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹¹¹	YES
Greece	YES ¹¹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Greenland	YES ¹¹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Grenada	NO	SOME ¹¹⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁵
Guadeloupe	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guam	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Guatemala ¹¹⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guernsey	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁷	[SOME] ¹¹⁸	YES
Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁹	[NO]	YES
Guinea-Bissau ¹²⁰	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Guyana	NO	SOME ¹²¹	SOME ¹²²	NO	SOME ¹²³	SOME ¹²⁴
Haiti	NO ¹²⁵	[YES] ¹²⁶	[YES] ¹²⁷	YES	YES	YES
Honduras	YES ¹²⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hong Kong	NO	NO	SOME ¹²⁹	YES	YES	YES
Hungary	YES ¹³⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Iceland	YES ¹³¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
India ¹³²	NO	SOME ¹³³	NO ¹³⁴	SOME ¹³⁵	YES ¹³⁶	SOME ¹³⁷

¹⁰⁷ Prohibited in 2000 amendment to Civil Code

¹⁰⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2008, 2012) but also defended “reasonable” punishment and has asserted existing legislation is adequate

¹⁰⁹ Ministerial directive possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹¹⁰ Prohibited in prisons

¹¹¹ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹¹² Prohibited in Law 3500/2006 on the Combating of Intra-family Violence 2006

¹¹³ Prohibited in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007, in force in Greenland April 2016

¹¹⁴ Prohibited in childcare homes

¹¹⁵ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice Act 2012, not yet in force

¹¹⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2008) and in all settings (2012) but has also said existing law prohibits

¹¹⁷ Government directive reportedly states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹¹⁸ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹¹⁹ Ministerial circular possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹²⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹²¹ Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

¹²² Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

¹²³ Prohibited for persons under 17

¹²⁴ Prohibited for persons under 17

¹²⁵ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹²⁶ Prohibition in foster care unconfirmed

¹²⁷ Prohibition in crèches and childminding unconfirmed

¹²⁸ Prohibited in 2013 amendments to Family Code and Civil Code

¹²⁹ Prohibited in childcare centres, mutual help childcare centres and possibly in preschool settings

¹³⁰ Prohibited in 2004 amendment to Child Protection Act 1997

¹³¹ Prohibited in Children's Act 2003

¹³² 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)

¹³³ Prohibited in care institutions except in Jammu and Kashmir; bill which would prohibit in all childcare institutions under discussion (2014)

¹³⁴ Bill which would prohibit in anganwadi centres and playschools under discussion (2014)

¹³⁵ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds except in Jammu and Kashmir; not prohibited in religious schools

¹³⁶ But prohibiting law not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir

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
Indonesia	NO	NO ¹³⁸	NO	NO	YES	SOME ¹³⁹
Iran	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁰	NO ¹⁴¹	YES	NO
Iraq	NO ¹⁴²	NO	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴³	YES
Ireland	YES¹⁴⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Isle of Man	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁵	SOME ¹⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES
Israel	YES¹⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italy	NO ¹⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jamaica	NO	YES	SOME ¹⁴⁹	NO ¹⁵⁰	YES	YES
Japan ¹⁵¹	SOME ¹⁵²	NO	NO	YES ¹⁵³	NO	YES
Jersey	NO	SOME ¹⁵⁴	NO	[NO]	YES	YES
Jordan ¹⁵⁵	NO	[SOME] ¹⁵⁶	[NO]	YES	[YES]	YES
Kazakhstan	NO	[SOME] ¹⁵⁷	SOME ¹⁵⁸	YES	YES	YES
Kenya	YES¹⁵⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kiribati ¹⁶⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Kuwait ¹⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	[YES]
Kyrgyzstan ¹⁶²	NO	SOME ¹⁶³	NO	YES	[YES]	YES
Lao PDR	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁴	YES	YES	YES
Latvia	YES¹⁶⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹³⁷ Permitted in traditional justice systems

¹³⁸ National Standards of Care for Child Welfare Institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹³⁹ Lawful under Shari'a law

¹⁴⁰ Prohibited in day care centres (kindergartens)

¹⁴¹ Government directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴² But possibly prohibited in Kurdistan

¹⁴³ Prohibited in prisons and detention centres

¹⁴⁴ Prohibited in 2015 amendment to Offences Against the Person (Non Fatal) Act 1997

¹⁴⁵ Prohibited in children's homes and for registered providers of foster care

¹⁴⁶ Prohibited in registered day care centres and for registered childminders; possibly prohibited in preschools

¹⁴⁷ 2000 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing; "reasonable chastisement" defence repealed same year

¹⁴⁸ 1996 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing but this not yet confirmed in legislation

¹⁴⁹ Prohibited in early childhood centres ("basic schools")

¹⁵⁰ Prohibition under discussion (2015); see also note on day care

¹⁵¹ 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)

¹⁵² Prohibited in Kawasaki City by local ordinance

¹⁵³ But Tokyo High Court has ruled some physical punishment may be lawful in some circumstances

¹⁵⁴ Prohibited in residential homes, homes run by voluntary organisations and foster care

¹⁵⁵ 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"

¹⁵⁶ Possibly prohibited in institutions

¹⁵⁷ Possibly prohibited in children's villages

¹⁵⁸ Prohibited in preschool education and training

¹⁵⁹ Prohibited in Constitution 2010 but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁶⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings and repeal "reasonable punishment" defence (2015)

¹⁶¹ 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"

¹⁶² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁶³ Prohibited in residential institutions

¹⁶⁴ Unlawful in early childhood education settings

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
Lebanon	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁶⁶	[YES]	YES
Lesotho ¹⁶⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Liberia	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁸	SOME ¹⁶⁹	NO	YES	YES
Libya	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁰	YES	NO	NO
Liechtenstein	YES¹⁷¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lithuania	YES¹⁷²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Luxembourg	YES¹⁷³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macau	NO	[SOME] ¹⁷⁴	NO	YES	YES	YES
Madagascar	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Malawi	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁵	SOME ¹⁷⁶	[YES] ¹⁷⁷	YES	YES
Malaysia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁷⁸
Maldives ¹⁷⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸⁰	NO	NO
Mali	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁸¹	YES	YES	YES
Malta	YES¹⁸²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Marshall Islands ¹⁸³	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁸⁴	YES	YES
Martinique	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Mauritania	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸⁵	NO	NO
Mauritius ¹⁸⁶	NO	NO	[SOME] ¹⁸⁷	YES	NO	YES
Mayotte	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Mexico ¹⁸⁸	NO	SOME ¹⁸⁹	SOME ¹⁹⁰	YES	YES	YES
Micronesia ¹⁹¹	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES

¹⁶⁵ Prohibited in Children's Rights Protection Law 1998

¹⁶⁶ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁶⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment, stating it was being implemented (2010), but subsequent law reform prohibited only as sentence for crime

¹⁶⁸ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁶⁹ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁷⁰ Unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁷¹ Prohibited in Children and Youth Act 2008

¹⁷² Prohibited in 2017 amendments to Law on the Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child 1996

¹⁷³ Prohibited in Law on Children and the Family 2008

¹⁷⁴ Possibly prohibited in residential centres

¹⁷⁵ Prohibited in state-run institutions

¹⁷⁶ Prohibited in state-run day care

¹⁷⁷ Prohibition in private schools unconfirmed

¹⁷⁸ Government committed to prohibition (2007); bill which would prohibit (but not under Islamic law) under discussion (2015)

¹⁷⁹ 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)

¹⁸⁰ Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹⁸¹ Prohibited in preschools and kindergartens

¹⁸² Prohibited in 2014 amendment to Criminal Code but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

¹⁸⁴ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸⁵ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁸⁶ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹⁸⁷ Possibly unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁸⁸ 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

¹⁸⁹ Prohibited in institutions

¹⁹⁰ Prohibited in institutions

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
Monaco	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Mongolia	YES ¹⁹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Montenegro ¹⁹³	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁹⁴	YES	YES	YES
Montserrat	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁹⁵	YES
Morocco ¹⁹⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁹⁷	YES	YES
Mozambique ¹⁹⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁹⁹	YES	YES
Myanmar	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁰⁰	NO	YES ²⁰¹
Namibia ²⁰²	NO	SOME ²⁰³	SOME ²⁰⁴	YES	YES ²⁰⁵	YES ²⁰⁶
Nauru	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁰⁷	YES	YES	[YES]
Nepal ²⁰⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Netherlands	YES ²⁰⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Caledonia	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
New Zealand	YES ²¹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nicaragua	YES ²¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Niger ²¹²	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹³	NO	YES
Nigeria	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹⁴	SOME ²¹⁵	SOME ²¹⁶
Niue	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Northern Mariana Islands	NO	NO	[NO]	NO	[YES]	YES
Norway	YES ²¹⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹⁹¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁹² Prohibited in Law on the Rights of Children 2016 and Law on Child Protection 2016

¹⁹³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2013); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁹⁴ Prohibited in preschool education

¹⁹⁵ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹⁹⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

¹⁹⁷ Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2016)

¹⁹⁹ Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁰⁰ Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁰¹ But some legislation still to be repealed

²⁰² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁰³ 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

²⁰⁴ 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

²⁰⁵ 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

²⁰⁶ Unlawful under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

²⁰⁷ Possibly prohibited in preschool education settings

²⁰⁸ 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)

²⁰⁹ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

²¹⁰ Prohibited in Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act 2007

²¹¹ Prohibited in Family Code 2014, in force April 2015

²¹² Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

²¹³ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²¹⁴ But possibly prohibited in Lagos State

²¹⁵ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states

²¹⁶ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states; lawful in some states under Shari'a law

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
Oman ²¹⁸	NO	NO	[SOME] ²¹⁹	YES	NO	[YES]
Pakistan ²²⁰	SOME ²²¹	SOME ²²²	SOME ²²³	SOME ²²⁴	SOME ²²⁵	SOME ²²⁶
Palau ²²⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Panama ²²⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Papua New Guinea ²²⁹	NO	SOME ²³⁰	NO	NO	YES	YES
Paraguay	YES²³¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peru	YES²³²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Philippines ²³³	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pitcairn Islands	YES²³⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Poland	YES²³⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Portugal	YES²³⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Puerto Rico	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Qatar ²³⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO ²³⁸	YES	NO
Republic of Korea ²³⁹	SOME ²⁴⁰	SOME ²⁴¹	SOME ²⁴²	SOME ²⁴³	YES	YES
Republic of Moldova	YES²⁴⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Reunion	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Romania	YES²⁴⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²¹⁷ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, confirmed in further amendments 2010 following 2005 Supreme Court decision supportive of “lighter smacks”

²¹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

²¹⁹ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

²²⁰ 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

²²¹ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

²²² Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

²²³ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

²²⁴ Prohibited for 5-16 year olds in Punjab; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

²²⁵ 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

²²⁶ Lawful under Shari’a law; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

²²⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2011, 2016)

²²⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

²²⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

²³⁰ Corporal punishment of children “in the care of the Director” prohibited

²³¹ 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

²³² Prohibited in Law prohibiting physical and other humiliating punishment against children and adolescents 2015

²³³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home and other settings (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²³⁴ Prohibited in Children Ordinance 2003, amended 2009

²³⁵ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Family and Guardianship Code 1964

²³⁶ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Penal Code

²³⁷ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected another similar one, stating corporal punishment already prohibited (2010)

²³⁸ Code of Conduct for schools states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²³⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012) but was unclear on need for prohibition in the home

²⁴⁰ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴¹ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴² Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴³ Law prohibits direct (with contact) but not indirect (no contact) physical punishment; fully prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁴ Prohibited in 2008 amendment to Family Code

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
Russian Federation	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES
Rwanda ²⁴⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Samoa ²⁴⁸	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁹	SOME ²⁵⁰	YES	YES
San Marino	YES²⁵¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sao Tome and Principe ²⁵²	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	[YES]	[YES]
Saudi Arabia ²⁵³	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁴	NO	NO
Senegal ²⁵⁵	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵⁶	[YES]	YES
Serbia ²⁵⁷	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵⁸	YES	YES	YES
Seychelles ²⁵⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁶⁰	NO	YES
Sierra Leone ²⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Singapore	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶²	NO	NO	NO
Slovakia ²⁶³	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Slovenia	YES²⁶⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Solomon Islands ²⁶⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES ²⁶⁶
Somalia	NO	SOME ²⁶⁷	SOME ²⁶⁸	[SOME] ²⁶⁹	SOME ²⁷⁰	SOME ²⁷¹
South Africa ²⁷²	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Sudan	YES²⁷³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spain	YES²⁷⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²⁴⁵ Prohibited in Law on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child 2004

²⁴⁶ Unlawful in preschool provision

²⁴⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings and to repeal the “right of correction” (2011, 2015)

²⁴⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2011)

²⁴⁹ Prohibited in early childhood centres

²⁵⁰ Prohibited in government schools for children aged 5-14

²⁵¹ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Penal Code and Law of 26 April 1986 No. 49 on Family Law Reform

²⁵² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011, 2015)

²⁵³ 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

²⁵⁴ Ministerial circulars advise against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁵⁵ Draft legislation to prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁵⁶ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds

²⁵⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2008, 2013)

²⁵⁸ Prohibited in day care which forms part of education system

²⁵⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁶⁰ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all circumstances (2016)

²⁶² Prohibited in childcare centres

²⁶³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009); prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

²⁶⁴ Prohibited in Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Prevention of Family Violence 2016

²⁶⁵ 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

²⁶⁶ But used in traditional justice

²⁶⁷ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁶⁸ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁶⁹ Possibly prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁰ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷¹ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁷³ Prohibited in Transitional Constitution 2011, confirming pre-independence prohibition in Interim Constitution 2005 and Child Act 2008

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 ²⁷⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁷⁶	SOME ²⁷⁷	YES
St Barthelemy	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	NO	SOME ²⁷⁸	SOME ²⁷⁹	YES	YES	YES
St Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ²⁸⁰
St Lucia ²⁸¹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
St Maarten	YES²⁸²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
St Martin	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Pierre et Miquelon	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
State of Palestine	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸³	[SOME] ²⁸⁴	[SOME] ²⁸⁵
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸⁶	NO	[YES] ²⁸⁷
Suriname	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁸⁸	YES	YES
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	YES²⁸⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Swaziland	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sweden	YES²⁹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Switzerland	NO ²⁹¹	[SOME] ²⁹²	YES	YES	YES	YES
Syrian Arab Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹³	NO	YES
Taiwan	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁹⁴	YES	YES	YES
Tajikistan ²⁹⁵	NO	NO	SOME ²⁹⁶	YES	NO	YES
TFYR Macedonia	YES²⁹⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Thailand ²⁹⁸	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Timor-Leste ²⁹⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

²⁷⁴ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

²⁷⁵ 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

²⁷⁶ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁷⁷ Prohibited in prisons

²⁷⁸ Prohibited in children's homes

²⁷⁹ Prohibited in preschool education

²⁸⁰ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁸¹ Government accepted some but not all UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

²⁸² Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2013

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

²⁸⁶ Prohibited in Khartoum State

²⁸⁷ Possibly lawful under Shari'a law

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

²⁸⁹ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, further amended to confirm prohibition in 2010

²⁹⁰ Prohibited in 1979 amendment to Parenthood and Guardianship Code

²⁹¹ 2003 Federal Court ruling stated repeated and habitual corporal punishment unacceptable but did not rule out all corporal punishment in childrearing

²⁹² Possibly lawful in family placements

²⁹³ Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁹⁴ Possibly prohibited in care centres

²⁹⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

²⁹⁶ Prohibited in preschool education settings

²⁹⁷ Prohibited in Law on Child Protection 2013

²⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012)

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 ³⁰⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tokelau	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Tonga	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰¹	YES	[YES]	NO ³⁰²
Trinidad and Tobago	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tunisia	YES ³⁰³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turkey ³⁰⁴	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Turkmenistan	YES ³⁰⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turks and Caicos Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ³⁰⁶	YES
Tuvalu ³⁰⁷	NO	SOME ³⁰⁸	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰⁹	SOME ³¹⁰
Uganda ³¹¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
UK	NO	SOME ³¹²	SOME ³¹³	YES ³¹⁴	YES	YES
Ukraine	YES ³¹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
United Arab Emirates	NO	NO	NO	YES	[YES]	NO
UR Tanzania	NO	SOME ³¹⁶	NO	NO	SOME ³¹⁷	SOME ³¹⁸
Uruguay	YES ³¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
USA	NO	SOME ³²⁰	SOME ³²¹	SOME ³²²	SOME ³²³	YES
US Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Uzbekistan	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Vanuatu	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	SOME ³²⁴
Venezuela	YES ³²⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Viet Nam	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

²⁹⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2011)

³⁰⁰ Prohibited in Children's Code 2007

³⁰¹ Prohibited in preschool institutions

³⁰² 2010 Court of Appeal ruling stated "it might be argued" whipping is unconstitutional but did not declare it such

³⁰³ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Penal Code

³⁰⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

³⁰⁵ Prohibited in Law on Guarantees of the Rights of the Child 2002, reiterated in Family Code 2012

³⁰⁶ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

³⁰⁷ Government accepted 2008 UPR recommendation to prohibit but in 2013 accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit and rejected others

³⁰⁸ Prohibited in hospital mental health wing

³⁰⁹ Corporal punishment by police officers prohibited

³¹⁰ Island courts may order corporal punishment

³¹¹ Government Bill which would prohibit in all settings tabled in 2015 but failed to progress through parliament

³¹² Prohibited in residential institutions and foster care arranged by local authorities and voluntary organisations

³¹³ 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

³¹⁴ But in 2014 Government confirmed no prohibition in "unregistered independent settings providing part-time education"

³¹⁵ Prohibited in Family Code 2003

³¹⁶ Prohibited in residential institutions in Zanzibar

³¹⁷ Prohibited in approved schools and remand homes in Zanzibar

³¹⁸ Prohibited in Zanzibar

³¹⁹ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Civil Code and Children and Adolescents Code 2004

³²⁰ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²¹ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²² 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)

³²³ Prohibited in 32 states

³²⁴ Permitted in rural areas under customary justice systems

³²⁵ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents 1998

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
Wallis and Futuna Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Western Sahara	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]
Yemen	NO	NO	[SOME] ³²⁶	YES	YES	NO
Zambia ³²⁷	NO	NO	SOME ³²⁸	YES	YES	YES ³²⁹
Zimbabwe ³³⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ³³¹

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.

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³²⁶ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

³²⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012); draft Constitution would prohibit (2016)

³²⁸ Prohibited in preschool provision

³²⁹ Unlawful under 1999 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

³³⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

³³¹ 2014 High Court ruling declaring judicial corporal punishment unconstitutional not yet confirmed by Constitutional Court