

Immediate opportunities for law reform in the Middle East and North Africa



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Note: The dates given in brackets indicate the most recent information held by the Global Initiative, but to our knowledge all bills, draft laws, etc referred to below are currently still “live” and still present opportunities for enacting prohibition of corporal punishment. Information in square brackets is unconfirmed. If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

State	Opportunities for enacting prohibition	Prohibition included
Algeria	Code of Criminal Procedure under review (2017)	[NO]
Bahrain	Law on Civil Society, Law on Personal Status and amendments to Constitution under discussion (2014); draft consolidated law on family provisions (2017)	[NO]
Djibouti	Family Code under review (2013)	?
Egypt	No known opportunities	-
Iran	Children and Adolescent Protection Bill, draft Bill on The Provision of Women's Security against Violence, draft Bills on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection and draft Charter of Citizens' Rights under discussion (2014)	NO
Iraq	Draft new Personal Status Law under discussion (2014); law on children and law to prohibit corporal punishment possibly being drafted (2014); law for child protection within the family being drafted in Kurdistan (2015); draft Child Protection Act, draft Juveniles Act and draft law on domestic abuse under discussion (2015)	?
Jordan	Children's Rights Bill and Protection from Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2014); Bill amending the Criminal Code and Bill on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under discussion (2017)	?
Kuwait	No known opportunities	-
Lebanon	Penal Code and Law 422 on Juvenile Justice under review (2015); Child Protection Bill under discussion (2010)	NO

Libya	Draft Juvenile Justice Law under discussion (2014); new Constitution being drafted (2015); laws allowing flogging under review (2015)	?
Morocco	Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2014); Code of Criminal Procedure and Criminal Code being revised (2017); Bill on combatting violence against women being discussed (2017)	?
Oman	No known opportunities	-
Qatar	Amendments to Law on Persons with Special Needs under discussion (2015); Children's Bill under discussion (2016)	?
Saudi Arabia	Draft Alternative Penalties Act under discussion (2013); draft juvenile act (2015)	[NO]
State of Palestine	Draft Constitution, draft Social Affairs law, draft amendments to Child Law, draft Penal Code and draft Juvenile Justice Law under consideration (2009); draft family violence prevention law under discussion (2014)	?
Sudan	Rules under the Child Act 2010 being drafted (2012); state child bills under discussion in Blue Nile, North Darfur and Gezira (2010); Permanent Constitution being drafted (2017)	?
Syrian Arab Republic	Child Rights Bill on penal and correctional facilities under discussion (2011); review of laws relating to juvenile justice planned (2011); review of Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure (2016)	?
United Arab Emirates	No known opportunities	-
Western Sahara	No known opportunities	-
Yemen	Draft Child Rights Act under discussion (2015); new Constitution being drafted (2015)	SOME

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