

Immediate opportunities for law reform in Organisation of Islamic Cooperation member states



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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.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
Afghanistan	Comprehensive Law on Children being drafted (2014); Penal Code, Civil Code and Juvenile Code under review (2014); draft Shiite Personal Status Law under discussion (2014); draft Family Protection Law under consideration (2013)	?
Algeria	Code of Criminal Procedure under review (2017)	[NO]
Azerbaijan	Draft Law on Protection of Children against All Forms of Corporal Punishment prepared (2011); Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015)	YES
Bahrain	Law on Civil Society, Law on Personal Status and amendments to Constitution under discussion (2014)	[NO]
Bangladesh	Law to prohibit corporal punishment in educational institutions and workplaces being drafted (2015); Draft Children Rules under the Children Act 2013, draft Child Education Act and amendments to Disabled Persons Protection and Rights Act 2013 under discussion (2015); new Family Code under discussion (2013)	?
Brunei Darussalam	No known opportunities	-
Burkina Faso	Criminal Code and Code on the Person and the Family under review (2012); draft Child Protection Code under discussion (2014)	YES
Cameroon	Draft Code of the Person and the Family under discussion (2014); Civil Code under review (2014)	[NO]

Chad	Draft Child Protection Code under discussion (2014); draft Code on the Person and the Family, Bill to amend Criminal Code and draft revised Code of Criminal Procedure under discussion (2014); Bill on violence against women under discussion (2010)	[YES]
Comoros	Amendments to Criminal Code under discussion (2014)	[YES]
Cote d'Ivoire	Personal and Family Code and Criminal Code being revised (2015); draft new Family Code under discussion (2011); draft Criminal Code under discussion (2013)	?
Djibouti	Family Code under review (2013)	?
Egypt	No known opportunities	-
Gabon	Code of Social Action being drafted (2012); Family Code and Children's Code being drafted (2015)	NO
Gambia	Amendments to Children's Act under discussion (2015); Disability Bill under consideration (2015)	NO
Guinea	Draft revised Civil Code under consideration (2014); Bill on gender equality and Bill to revise Criminal Code under discussion (2015)	?
Guinea-Bissau	Bill to prohibit corporal punishment being drafted (2013); drafting of a comprehensive Code on Protection of Children planned (2013)	[YES]
Guyana	Education Bill and Regulations under discussion (2014); Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015)	SOME
Indonesia	Draft Criminal Code under discussion (2013)	NO
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)	?
Kazakhstan	No known opportunities	-

Kuwait	No known opportunities	-
Kyrgyzstan	Bill on protection from domestic violence under discussion (2015)	?
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)	?
Malaysia	Bills which would allow implementation of Islamic (hudud) punishments at state level under discussion in Kota Baru and Kelantan (2014)	NO
Maldives	Child Rights Bill, Education Bill and Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015)	NO
Mali	No known opportunities	-
Mauritania	Law on violence against women being drafted (2015); draft Child Protection Code under discussion (2017)	[YES]
Morocco	Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2014)	?
Mozambique	Penal Code to be reviewed (2016); Constitution under review (2015)	NO
Niger	Draft Children's Code under discussion (2014); Family Code being drafted (2011)	YES
Nigeria	Violence Against Persons Bill, Administration of Criminal Justice Bill, Prison Reform Bill and Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2013); child rights laws under consideration in a number of states (2012); Children and Young Persons Law, Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Shari'a Penal Code under review (2010); Elimination of Violence against Women in Society Bill under discussion (2012)	?
Oman	No known opportunities	-
Pakistan	Juvenile Justice System Bill being drafted (2017); National Commission of the Rights of the Child Bill under discussion (2017); Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection System Bill, Punjab Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, Balochistan Child Protection Bill and Balochistan Corporal Punishment Bill under discussion (2014); Zina laws being reviewed (2011)	[YES]

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]
Senegal	Juvenile justice law under revision (2014); draft Children's Code under discussion (2013); Family Code and Penal Code under review (2013); legislation under consideration to regulate Koranic schools (2017)	?
Sierra Leone	Constitution under review (2015)	?
Somalia	Child Act under discussion in Somaliland (2016); Family Code being drafted for Somaliland (2011); Puntland juvenile justice law being drafted (2009)	?
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)	?
Suriname	Civil Code being revised (2014); Framework Bill on Care Institutions and draft law on foster care under discussion (2014)	NO
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)	?
Tajikistan	No known opportunities	-
Turkey	No known opportunities	-
Uganda	Marriage and Divorce Bill under discussion (2015)	NO
United Arab Emirates	No known opportunities	-
Uzbekistan	Amendments to Family Code possibly under discussion (2013); Juvenile Justice Act being drafted (2012); draft law on domestic violence under discussion (2015)	?
Yemen	Draft Child Rights Act under discussion (2015); new Constitution being drafted (2015)	SOME

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