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GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO
**End All Corporal
Punishment of Children**



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Anna Henry, Director, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children

Guidance on implementing the prohibition of corporal punishment developed by the Global Initiative and partners under the Non-violent Childhoods programme were launched at a high-level conference in Stockholm in November. The reports include a Step-by-Step Guide on implementing prohibition, as well as guidance to support implementation of the ban in the home, service provision, parenting programmes, awareness raising and research to track progress in eliminating corporal punishment. [Read about the project and download the reports.](#)



Supporting positive moves in Mexico

The Global Initiative has been working with Mexico's national child protection system (SIPINNA) to improve child protection and reduce violence against children in Mexico by advancing the prohibition and elimination of corporal punishment in all settings. [Read the full update.](#)

Read our Director, Anna Henry, on Apolitical

"Corporal punishment encompasses all forms of violent punishment against children, whether in school or at home — and the problem is both more widespread and significantly more damaging than many realise." [Read the full article.](#)

A video player showing a woman, Bess Herbert, speaking. The video has a play button overlay. In the top right corner, there is a logo for the "GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO End All Corporal Punishment of Children".

Watch our Asia and Pacific Lead, Bess Herbert, on transforming social norms around violence in childrearing through prohibition and elimination of corporal punishment. Video presentation for the VOICE conference, Bali, Indonesia, 15 December.

Steps towards prohibition

Philippines - Two Bills aiming to prohibit corporal punishment have passed final reading in their respective Houses and have been reconciled into a single version

during a bicameral committee conference. The Bill is now waiting to be signed into law by the President, expected in the New Year.

Rep of Kosovo - The draft Law on Child Protection which prohibits all corporal punishment passed the first reading and is being discussed in Committee stage.

USA (Kentucky) - HB429, pre-filed for 2019 legislative session, prohibits corporal punishment in schools and church-operated child care, and may prohibit in all settings. It is similar to HB375, which only progressed to Committee stage.

France - A Bill amending the Civil Code to prohibit all corporal punishment of children is under discussion in Parliament. It has received support from several Government Ministers, including the Minister for Justice, Minister for Health and the Secretary for Gender Equality.

Taiwan - Amendments to the Early Childhood Education and Care Act have prohibited corporal punishment in preschools and community, tribal and workplace early childhood care for children aged 2-6.

UK (Scotland) - The Parliamentary Committee on Equalities and Human Rights has opened a call for submissions on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill to remove the defence of justifiable assault. [Consultation](#) closes 25 January 2019.

Other positive news

USA - The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published a [position paper](#) on educating parents about positive and effective parenting strategies, and the need to avoid physical punishment and verbal abuse of children.

But...

South Africa - A new version of the Children Amendment Bill has been opened for submissions. It no longer explicitly repeals the reasonable chastisement defence, and does not clearly mention corporal or physical punishment.

UK - The Parliament Committee which had been looking into the Domestic Abuse Bill published its report - it does not mention corporal punishment of children.

News from the UN and regional human rights systems

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 20th session, Aug/Sep 2018

The Committee recommended prohibition of corporal punishment of children in all settings to South Africa and TYFR Macedonia. [Read our full update.](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child, 79th session, Oct 2018

The Committee recommended prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings and measures to implement the ban to El Salvador, Lao PDR, Mauritania and Niger. [Read our full update.](#)

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, 71st session, Oct/Nov 2018

The Committee made recommendations on corporal punishment to the Bahamas, Mauritius, Nepal and Samoa. [Read our full update.](#)

Human Rights Committee, 124th session, Nov 2018

The Committee recommended repeal of legislation permitting corporal punishment to Sudan (flogging and amputation as a sentence for a crime, including for minors) and Belize (in all settings). [Read our full update.](#)

Committee Against Torture, 65th session, Nov/Dec 2018

The Committee made recommendations on corporal punishment to the Maldives, Peru and Viet Nam. [Read our full update.](#)

Universal Periodic Review, 31st session, Oct/Nov 2018

Belize, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo (Rep of), Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Saudi Arabia and Senegal all received recommendations to prohibit corporal punishment. Jordan and Nigeria did not. Malta (prohibited in 2014) did not. [Read our full update.](#)

The Global Initiative briefs human rights treaty monitoring bodies and the UPR prior to examination of states. If you/your organisation is interested in submitting information on your state, please contact info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

Information on states' upcoming treaty body and UPR examinations, the deadlines for submitting briefings, and the text of the above and previous recommendations are available in our [country reports](#) and on the [treaty body pages](#) on our website.

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protection from violence as adults.



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