

# Youth Deprived of Family Ties in Jordan: The Discrimination in the Name



As part of their duties as a State Party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Jordan periodically submits a State report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the measures they have adopted, which give effect to the rights recognized by the Convention. A recurring point of disagreement between the CRC and Jordan is the use of classification in reference to those deprived of family ties. The following timeline summarizes the terminology used in Jordan's State reports and the relevant comments made by the CRC in their Concluding Observations:

## JORDAN:

Jordan signs CRC in 1990

Jordan ratifies the CRC by Royal Decree

Jordan submits their 1st report, referring to categories of children **'born out of wedlock'** as **'illegitimate'** and **'foundlings'**

Jordan's 2nd report: **'illegitimate'**, **'abnormal case'**, **'out of wedlock'**, **'foundlings'**, **'children of unknown parentage'**

Jordan's 3rd report: **'illegitimate'**, **'unknown parentage'**, **'out of wedlock'**

Jordan's combined 4th and 5th report: **'born out of wedlock'**, **'illegitimate'**, **'foundlings'** as the 3 categories defined by Ministry of Social Development for **'children of unknown parentage'**

Jordan's replies published, defending the State's classifications

1990

1991

1993

1994

1998

2000

2005

2006

2013

2014

## CRC:

CRC's 1st Concluding Observations: **'foundlings'**, **'illegitimate'** and **'recognized illegitimate'**, **'children of unknown parentage'**

CRC's 2nd Concluding Observations: further expression of their concern over discrimination against children **'born out of wedlock'**

CRC's 3rd Concluding Observations: "a classification of children as **'illegitimate'** is discriminatory and violates the principles and rights of the child enshrined in the convention"

CRC's combined 4th and 5th Concluding Observations: "concern about the de jure discrimination against children **'born out of wedlock'**"

## CRC Reporting Process

- 1: Submission of the State party report
- 2: Submission of NGO reports to CRC
- 3: The Pre- session meeting
- 4: The committee's list of issues
- 5: Submission of the State's written replies
- 6: The plenary session
- 7: Concluding Observations
- 8: Follow- up to Concluding Observations

Implementation Cycle

The Information and Research Center – King Hussein Foundation (IRCKHF) is identifying the discrimination faced by orphans deprived of family ties in Jordan. Through its research, the IRCKHF has identified that there is discrimination in the name by both the State of Jordan and the CRC. For more information about the project Empowering Care Leavers in Jordan: Youth Deprived of Family Ties, visit [www.irckhf.org](http://www.irckhf.org) or follow us on Facebook (IRCKHF) or Twitter (IRC\_KHF).

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