1. States Parties shall ensure the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

2. States Parties shall take all appropriate steps to enable children to have access to the truth about their own origin and to their parents and, when appropriate, to their other family members, and shall respect their right to maintain personal relations with them, except if it is not in the best interest of the child.

1. States Parties shall ensure that a child who is temporarily or permanently deprived of the family, in accordance with applicable law, shall have the opportunity to develop in the company of a Parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care and, where applicable, the legal responsibility for the child.

2. States Parties shall, when adopting any legislation or other measures affecting the rights of the child, ensure that the legislation or other measures are in conformity with the provisions of the present Convention and with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter and of international human rights and fundamental freedoms.

3. States Parties shall ensure that the child is given the opportunity, at least once a year, to meet his or her parents or other family members, unless it is not in the best interest of the child.

1. States Parties shall ensure that the traditional role of the family is recognized and that the institution of the family is based on the principles of mutuality of affection, respect for the privacy of the child, and respect for the rights and dignity of parents, including the right to appropriate assistance in the performance of their duties.

2. States Parties shall ensure that women have the same rights as men in respect of the realization of the rights of the child.

1. States Parties shall ensure that the child is given the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly or through a representative, in a manner consistent with the age and maturity of the child.

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