

Declaration on the Rights of the Child (1923)

This is the initial version of the Convention of the Rights of the Child drafted by the Save the Children's founder, Eglantyne Jebb, in 1923. It was adopted by the League of Nations in 1924.

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1. The child must be given the means requisite for its normal development, both materially and spiritually.
2. The child that is hungry must be fed, the child that is sick must be helped, the child that is backward must be helped, the delinquent child must be reclaimed, and the orphan and the waif must be sheltered and succoured.
3. The child must be the first to receive relief in times of distress.
4. The child must be put in a position to earn a livelihood, and must be protected against every form of exploitation.
5. The child must be brought up in the consciousness that its talents must be devoted to the service of its fellow men.