



International Detention Coalition

Human rights for detained refugees,
asylum seekers and migrants

International Detention Coalition
Level 3, 673 Bourke St
Melbourne, Vic 3000, Australia
Tel: 61 403194665
gmitchell@idcoalition.org
www.idcoalition.org

Submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child: Day of General Discussion on the Rights of All Children in the Context of International Migration 28 September 2012

Summary of recommendations

The IDC recommends that the following is highlighted in the CRC DGD report:

- States should ensure that a minimum level of protection and support for children is in place in the community.
- States should articulate in their legislation and policies that:
 - 1) Children who are refugees, asylum seekers or irregular migrants are, first and foremost, children.
 - 2) The best interest of the child should be a primary consideration in any action taken in relation to the child.
 - 3) The liberty of the child is a human right.

The IDC recommends that the Committee pay special attention to the issue of child immigration detention and requests numbers of children detained from States when conducting country reviews.

The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a coalition of over 250 non-governmental groups and individuals working in over 50 countries. Coalition members provide legal, social and other services, undertake research and reporting as well as advocacy and policy work on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The IDC advocates for greater respect for the human rights of detainees; this includes limiting the use of, seeking alternatives to, and using the least restrictive forms of immigration detention. www.idcoalition.org