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# Introducing Our CRC Series

This series is produced to:

- Celebrate 30 years since Malaysia signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Countdown on Malaysia's engagement with the United Nations (UN) on child rights in January 2026

In this series, we will be unpacking the CRC:

- What is CRC ?
- What are Malaysia's obligations under the CRC ?
- What powers does the CRC have ?



# What is CRC ?

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CRC is a global agreement between countries that promotes and protects the rights of children



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Adopted on  
20 November 1989  
by the  
UN General  
Assembly



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The date is now  
celebrated as  
World Children's  
Day



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Countries that  
commit to it are  
called  
'State Parties'

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State Parties can  
choose parts they  
don't fully agree to



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Malaysia became  
a State Party to  
the CRC on  
17 February 1995





# What are the state parties' responsibilities under the CRC ? How is the CRC enforced ?



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State Parties must protect and promote children's rights



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Within 2 years of joining the CRC, they must submit an Initial Report to a committee at the UN on their child rights implementation



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This Committee is called the Committee on the Rights of the Child



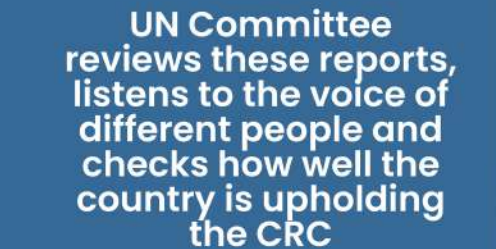
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After that, the State Party must submit a report every 5 years — called Periodic Reports



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UN Committee reviews these reports, listens to the voice of different people and checks how well the country is upholding the CRC



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After getting the opinions of various parties, the UN Committee conducts a Session with the government to discuss the report submitted



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**20 December 2006**  
Malaysia submitted  
its Initial Report on  
child rights to the  
UN Committee

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**2 February 2007**  
UN Committee  
responded with  
Concluding  
Observations to  
improve child rights

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**5 August 2021**  
Malaysia submitted  
a combined 2nd–  
4th Periodic Report

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**15 January 2007**  
UN Committee  
met Malaysian  
Government  
representatives to  
discuss the Initial  
Report and child rights  
implementation

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**February 2025**  
UN Committee  
listened to the  
opinions of different  
parties on child  
rights in Malaysia.  
This included the  
children's opinions

## Malaysia & CRC A Quick Timeline





# What's Happening in 2025 ?

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In January 2026, the UN Committee will meet with the Malaysian Government to review our progress on children's rights. This is called a 'Session'



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During this 'Session', Malaysia will present progress made on child rights in the country and address questions on related issues since the last Concluding Observations in 2007



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How can **YOU** be part of it?

- Reflect on how child rights have been implemented in Malaysia
- Talk to your friends and family about the CRC
- Stay tuned to our series to learn more about CRC !

