Online Appendix

Children's Participation in International Organizations: Individual Petitions in the United Nations

Dataset Variables

Communications filed in the Committee on the Rights of the Child were collected online, updated February 2025. The data were downloaded from the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner Jurisprudence Database, online at `https://juris.ohchr.org/`. Searching by Committee: "CRC", all documents were downloaded, excluding the few "Follow-up reports." Additionally, jurisprudence documents were downloaded from the United Nations Treaty Body Database online at `https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/`. These two databases have much overlap, but do contain some different documents. Together, these documents create the universe of available decisions from the CRC.

We note that the communications begin with some summary "metadata." We use this for several of the variables below, making it particularly easy to compare across documents.

- **Full ID** As specified in the top right corner of the document.
  E.g., $CRC/C/85/D/98/2019$
- **Case ID** As specified in the title of the document. E.g. "Decision adopted by the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, concerning communication No. 98/2019" would be coded as "98/2019"
- **State** State party to the CRC Convention (and its Optional Protocol on communications procedure) that the author is filing against.
- **Submitted By** Author(s) of communication as listed (either initials or full name).
- **Representation?** Dummy variable coded "1" if the author has representation and "0" if the author doesn't. Usually this information is in the meta data. If representation is not specified in metadata but in the body of the communication, code as "1". Example: 111/2020, first paragraph says "She is represented by counsel" but not listed in metadata.
- **Representation notes** Individual lawyers or organizations that represented the author who filed the complaint.
- **Alleged victim(s)** If the author filed the complaint, write "author." If not, write the name or initials of the author.
- **Child is Author?** Dummy variable coded "1" if the author is the alleged victim who filed the complaint, "0" if not and instead the complaint was filed by the parents or other guardian.
- **Actor Notes** Relationships between authors and victims, including family relationships.

- **DOBs** Date of birth for children and authors (either full DOB or year). If not provided with specific DOB, then estimate age at time of submission.
- **Date of Communication**
- **Date of Adoption of Decision**
- **Date of Distribution (Publication) of Decision**
- **Subject matter** From the metadata of English version. If the decision was only found in Spanish or French, we translated the information found in the metadata. However, if the decision was originally in Spanish or French but an official translation to English was available, we coded this variable from the metadata of the English version.
- **Procedural issue**s From the metadata of English version. If the decision was only found in Spanish or French, we translated the information found in the metadata. However, if the decision was originally in Spanish or French but an official translation to English was available, we coded this variable from the metadata of the English version.
- **Substantive issues** From the metadata of English version. If the decision was only found in Spanish or French, we translated the information found in the metadata. However, if the decision was originally in Spanish or French but an official translation to English was available, we coded this variable from the metadata of the English version.
- **Concerns migration?** Dummy variable coded "1" if the complaint is about migration, "0" if not. Migration involves the movement (or threat of movement) of the victim and/or victim family. It would include the threat of deportation, for example. It excludes custody battles between parents, even if they are in different countries. Examples of communications coded as "0" for migration: 10/2017, and 13/2017, and 30/2017, and 48/2018.
- **Concerns Age Determination?** Dummy variable coded "1" if the complaint is about age determination procedure.
- **Migration Notes** Miscellaneous notes found in the body of the complaint about victims migration flows. E.g., if they were intercepted while on a boat, etc.
- **Nationality of victim**
- **Nationality of authors (if author is not the victim)** This cell can be left empty if the author is the victim. If the author is different to the alleged victim (e.g., one of the parents), note the nationality of the author here.

  E.g., if Syrian parents file on behalf of Syrian children, write Syria in "nationality of victim" and "nationality of authors".

  E.g. 2: if Syrian child files on behalf of themselves, then leave "Nationality of authors (if author is not the victim)" column empty.
- **Articles of the Convention** From the metadata.

- **Articles of OP (communications)** From the metadata.
- **Articles of other OPs (AC or SC)**
- **Misc notes** Examples include:
  - If in the metadata they don't mention articles of the Convention, but the authors allege violation of certain articles and that is noted in the body of the document.
  - Ethnicity of the author if it is a central point of the complaint.
  - If there are third party submissions.
  - If a child was born in a certain country, but it is unclear if they are nationals of that country or not.
- **Outcome** The outcome of the Committee decision, also called "Final Views". Options for the decision are:
  1. Discontinuance
  2. Inadmissible
  3. Violation
  4. No violation
- **Outcome notes** If the case is decided inadmissible, note whether there is insufficient substantiation: or non-exhaustion of remedies.
- **Favorable outcome?** Dummy variable coded "1" if the case was discontinued but the alleged victim received sufficient recourse from the State Party before the CRC Committee decided on the merits, "0" if the victim did not receive recourse from the state.