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THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DOCUMENT IN THE OVERVIEW SIGN OF THE CRDTI (2024)

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: In general, to analyze Article 18 of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor -Leste (CRDTL), which says that all children have the right to education, health, etc. We return to the condition of children who form their concern, when the conditions become aggravated as child labor, and lose their rights on the part of the family. Sometimes, children cover the sadness and used the other way to help the needs of the family, but the children's opinions should be heard all matters relating to their rights is fundamental.

Objectives: To narrate and review to ensure equal access and educational opportunities for all children and to identify and meet requirements that allow for the development of their capacities or aptitudes and their culture in each municipality of Timor-Leste.

Methodology: Elaborated in the elaboration of deductive, based on research work in international articles of literary and legislative scholarly, whose current documentary sources will be cited in the bibliography.

Conclusion: To be achieved to ensure the law of the constitution RDTL says, that the protection of children is the compression to respect the dignity of children, so with promises to be the well-being of children and also their protection against any way at risk and to enforce the right of children to seek the search for children. The solution that promotes the greatest possible benefit to children, also interprets and carries out a norm, should be inthe best interests of children. Therefore, parents have a responsibility to guarantee the rights of children and to develop with the freedom of justice and equality, such as the participation of 17-year-old minorities to have some educational resources and learn from anythingwith joy. And satisfaction of each child or minorities cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024).

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INTRODUCTION

complementary facultatives, and this right should dren and the current panorama of the country. include the freedom to seek, receive and disseminate information and ideas of all kinds. The child's According to the report, by UNICEF and the Pordren.

ples and rules contained in the Convention on the there was a total of 836 inmates at the end of 2021,

Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations Children's rights are met in the needs of develop- General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and ratiment in the age-appropriate way, as the child fied by Timor-Leste on 17 September 2003. In adgrows up with the rights of children and human dition, the Code reflects the positions taken by the rights focused on the condition of children these United Nations Committeeon the Rights of Chilbets the concern with the early phase of human dren. In reality, many children in Timor-Leste are formation and development. The Convention on not the best, not all of them have their rights guarthe Rights of the Child establishes and sets out anteed. Next, we will see some challenges for chil-

view that the children's voice should be heard and tuguese Government, the data show that 49% of counts in all matters relating to their rights. The children under the age of 1 live below the official participation of children in society is a right af- poverty line, set at just \$46.37 per month, slightly firmed by the Universal Declaration on the Rights above the international poverty line set at \$40.45. of the Child and its ratification in Timor-Leste is This is a very expressive fact and directly influprovided for in Article 2(1) of the Children's Code. ences the perspective of life of these children and In 1948, in the Universal Declaration of Human adolescents. Being in a situation of poverty or ex-Rights, which was annotated by the United Na- treme poverty makes it difficult for children to actions General Assembly (UNGA), then enunciated cess basic items and rights, such as food, educacivil, political, economic, social and cultural tion, basic sanitation and protection, generating a rights. for all human beings and including chil- situation of multiple deprivations. Thus, the poorest children end up not having the same opportunities that or do not go through poverty, this situa-On May 17, 2011, the Ministry of Justice of Timor tion harms the development of less favored chil--Leste presented for public discussion the prelimi- dren and exposes them to problematic situations, nary draft of the Children's Code, a text that is the such as work and even child degradation. Crimes result of the work carried out since 2004 by the of sexual violence and sexual abuse of minors re-Ministry of Justice, in close collaboration with ported to the Timor-Leste police increased by 20 UNICEF, in order to provide in Timor-Leste. A 21. Already 2.9.5% of the country's prison populalaw for the protection and promotion of the rights tion represents those convicted of these crimes. of the child, in accordance with the international According to the crime data, released by the Genstandards for the defence of human rights to which eral Directorate of Statistics, the number of sexual the country is bound and with the provisions of abuse cases of Child 5 applied to 80. As for the Article 18 of the Timorese Basic Law. The Chil- number of rape cases, it tripled to 56. The coundren's Code incorporates the fundamental princi- try's three prisons (Dili, Gleno and Suai), where

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According to the statistics released, criminal cases in the country are at 20-21 globally, the highest METODOLOGY municipality of Dili. After Dili, with 2.255 cases, ternational, literary city of the country, Baucau (403). The National (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024). Commission against Child Labour has registered about5,300 children working in Timor-Leste, ac- THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK cording to the Legislative Organ's Resident Of- Children's rights are an issue of great importance Real AG & Babo Soares D.C-, 2024).

access and educational opportunities for all chil- community and as representatives of it in other

including aggravated rape and also abuse of mi- ments that allow the development of their skills nors, according to the released result cited by and their real culture. in addition to stimulating the critical sense and responsibilities of the State and Government of Timor-Leste.

level ever. There are more than 5.25 4 cases re- We use the method of revision of academic literaported to the National Police of Timor-Leste ture and is elaborated deductive of references and (PNTL) during the year, with almost 4.5% in the readings based on academic research work in inand legislative articles, it is followed by the border region of Bobonaro whose credible sources will be mentioned in the (466), Oe-cusse -Ambeno (40 5) and the second bibliographies of the well-organized study cited by

ficer Aniceto Soro and the representative of the in all communities. Everyone should know them International Labour Organization and the United well so that they are respected and long. It is Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)." According to adults who have the responsibility to guarantee the national survey, which took place between these rights to children so that all children grow up 2016 and 2022, about 5.3 thousand children are in and develop with freedom, justice and equality. In child labor, putting their access to education, phys- this section you can find reference to the right to ical and intellectual development at risk," said So- health, education and development, participation ro. The statements to journalists took place on the and the more specific rights of minorities, such as sidelines of a meeting with the President of the the migrant population (foreign children living in Republic, Dr. José Ramos Horta. Also, according Timor) you can also find some playful resources to Soro, the municipalities with the most child and educational games to have fun and learn. Chilworkers are Aileu, Ainaro, Covalima, Ermera and dren's rights are one of the many social organiza-Oecussi. These are minors between five and 17 tions that fulfill their role of defending and guaranyears of age. To eradicate this problem, the same teeing the rights of children as stated in Article 4 source continued, it is necessary to make a joint of the ECD, it is not only the duty of the State and effort and apply concrete measures between the the family to guarantee these rights, but also of the relevant ministerial lines in order to reduce this community and society in general. Organizations common situation in the country cited by (Corte are born from the initiative of people from the community itself, who identify and diagnose an issue, and choose to intervene in this specific de-Objectives: To narrate and write to ensure equal mand, in order to overcome this inequality in the

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regulations established in your work, that is, in dren's rights. your foreign country with regard to the protection

spaces of participation, and for its more open, national commitments assumed by Timor-Leste in the protection of children's rights, such as the reception of the Universal Declaration of Human The protection of children is the commitment to Rights as an interpretative criterion for fundamenrespect the dignity of the child is at the heart of the tal rights by Article 23(2), part, and also the speed mission. And posture derives from the divine im- with which Timor-Leste ratified the most relevant age of each child and from the special vulnerabil- international instruments aimed at the protection ity of children and young people. That is why it is of human rights. For what interests us here, Timor committed to the well-being of children and their -Leste is bound by several international instruprotection against any form of risk. The norms and ments specifically aimed at the protection of chil-

of children, are based on the Christian vision of The Portuguese Constitution is, according to Philhumanity, on the Charter of the Rights of the ip Alston and John Tohin's classification, a consti-Child of the United Nations or UN, as well as on tution of special protection, in that it contains an the respective legal and ecclesiastical require- autonomous precept specifically dedicated to the ments. A is committed to protecting children from protection of the rights and interests of the child in any threat to their well-being, whether in its role Article 18 of the RDTL Constitution. The rights as an employer, in the face of such a commitment, and interests of the child are protected first and it undertakes to investigate in an appropriate man- foremost by the family, but it may also be necesner suspected cases of danger to children, giving sary to protect them against them. Article 18(1) of top priority to the protection and support of those the CRDTL recognises the right of the child to affected. As a general rule, the duty to protect chil- special protection by the family, the community dren is the duty of the family, society and the state and the State, in particular against all forms of for children with absolute priority, the right to life, abandonment, discrimination, violence, oppresetc. In addition to the protection of UNICEF, they sion, sexual abuse and exploitation in line with work to ensure that no child is a victim of vio- what we have seen imposed by the Convention on lence. To this end, it gives visibility to the influ- the Rights of the Child. Child labor may be a more ence of changes in legislation and public policies, common practice than you might think; Child laand supports violence prevention and response bor is when a child begins work under the age of services. And child protection measures are court 16. This practice is prohibited and may lead to the orders granted for the purpose of protecting an in- arrest of those responsible for the child, as well as dividual who is in a situation of risk, danger, or the person who hired the child. On the 7th of 10 of vulnerability, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, 2021, child labour covers more than 1.7% of sexual orientation, cultural income, educational Timorese children There are 4.4 thousand children level, age, or religion. So, from our Constitution of who have never been to school in the country, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, it says with those living in rural areas being four times children have the right to special protection from more likely to be involved in work than in urban the family, the community and the state. The inter- areas. In 2021, the report shows that 16.4% of

AJMCRR, 2024 Volume 3 | Issue 1 | 4 of 9 in hazardous work are harmed in terms of mental that they are guaranteed to all our rulers, jurists, and physical health, as well as in terms of educa- thinkers. All of us at the front depend in one way tion. Dinorah Granadeiro also asked the State to or another, to a greater or lesser extent, on those give priority to children's rights, as they are en- who are now children of those who will be our secshrined in the Constitution and were adopted by ondary. We cannot deny our responsibility as a so-Timor-Leste in the International Convention on the ciety, we urgently need to assume our role and Rights of the Child in 2003 to be the fundamental guarantee the future, after all, what will tomorrow basis of the Children's Rights process cited by be if it is not the children of today. Awareness, re-(Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024).

The right of the child has evolved over time since, receive today, in addition to gifts; our respect. nowadays, building a fairer and more egalitarian society means dealing with the rights of all citi- **DISCUSSION** zens, including children and adolescents. They are The participation of children in society is a right of also considered by the current as the subjects of children that is affirmed by the Declaration on the law. The problem is to ascertain whether this evo- Rights of the Child and its ratification in Timorlution of rights has in fact enabled greater protec- Leste. In any and all situations that threaten or viotion for children, especially by the family and soci- late the rights of the child, as a result of the action ety. Evolution of children's rights can be dedicated and omission of parents or guardians, of society or to children, we invite you to a brief reflection on of the state through the family, even in the face of the role of children in society there were no param- their own behavior. Because there are five fundaeters of protection for children, child labor, is com- mental rights that we know are the most important mon even in unhealthy and unsafe conditions over are: Right to life and health; Right to freedom, rethe past the standards of children's rights have ad- spect for dignity; Right to family and community vanced strongly having triggered the Universal life; Right to education, culture, sport and leisure; Declaration of Human Rights and provided for the and the right to professionalization and protection duty to guarantee the means of development as a at work. Childhood is also a problem of children's priority in the relief and assistance. In the post-war rights because of any of the countless children who world, the adoption of the Universal Declaration of work daily on the streets of the nation's capital. Human Rights in 1948 included specific articles on Therefore, the explicit presence of children on the special care and social protection for mothers and streets of the Timorese capital and in several muchildren. For this reason, it adopts the Declaration nicipalities is a cruel problem of the critical socioof the Rights of the Child, to recognize, among economic condition of the country, where almost others, the right to education, play and health, the half of the population still lives in extreme poverty, pacts that followed, brought guidelines focusing on cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., education and protection for all children.

Timorese children have a hazardous job. Children For the evolution of children's rights, it is enough sponsibility, maturity in the decision for maternity and paternity. Children are not toys that children

2024).

AJMCRR, 2024 Volume 3 | Issue 1 | 5 of 9 according to Article 18(a) and (b). of the Consti- non-discrimination against children born out of tution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste wedlock, whether they are the result of extramari-(CRDTL), children have the right to special pro- tal relations, de facto partnerships, previous martection from the family, the community and the riages or the commission of crimes. All children, State, particularly against all forms of abandon- whether born in or out of wedlock, enjoy the same ment, discrimination, violence, oppression, sexual rights and the same social protection. abuse and exploitation. The Declaration on the Principles and Fundamental Rights states that all Education is the act of educating, of instituting, member countries of the International Labour Or- good education, disciplining. In the broadest sense ganization. In which Timor-Leste is included, they of the child, education means the means in which must respect and promote the four fundamental the habits, customs, and values of a community are principles and rights at work, among them the abotransferred from one generation to the generation. lition and effect of child labour. Therefore, the ab- Through children, they have access to the sence of quality public education and the lack of knowledge, skills and competencies that allow public policies that promote family planning are them to develop personally and professionally, imsome of the factors that have contributed most to prove their quality of life and contribute to the the existence of children working. According to economic and social development of the country. the same organization, child labor that abandons The main objectives are the human formation of children's rights can create the psychological prob- the student, transforming the school from a regular lem contributes to poor school performance, im- practice of the child's experiences, equity, inclupairs socialization, preparation for the labor mar- sion and socialization. In Decree-Law No. 3/2015 ket and the intellectual development of the child of 14 January. The role of families in the education and future adult. Child labour therefore constitutes of children involves responsibility, affection and a violation of fundamental human rights because it transmission of values. Children who have fathers prevents the child from fully developing and ade- present in their routines have more to develop quately living his or her childhood of freedom and properly in different aspects, such as social, intelprogress cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares lectual and emotional. The role of parents in the D.C., 2024).

or her family, the state must intervene to put an D.C., 2024). end to the situation, and may ultimately decide to separate the child from its parents and entrust it to There are movements for educational reforms,

We can say that disrespect for the Constitution, stitution of the RDTL enshrines the principle of

education of their children is fundamental to the formation of values. In the end, the family is re-It is also the duty of the state to provide the family sponsible for initiating the child's physical and inwith the protection and assistance necessary for it tellectual development process. Parents are also to be able to fully play its role in ensuring the har- the main agents for their children to become peomonious development of the child. However, if the ple of integrity, in the family and Society Timorchild is the victim of abandonment or abuse by his Leste cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares

a child care institution. Article 18 (3) of the Con- such as to improve the quality and efficiency of

AJMCRR, 2024 **Volume 3 | Issue 1 | 6 of 9** efficient problem-solving in modern society or fu- der for the child to have quality of life and a ture evidence-based education in general.

to school and receive a quality education that gives health that must be carried out to ensure healthy them the knowledge and qualifications. The gov- growth and development in life and well-being ernment can recognize and promote children's cited by (Tilman CB & Corte Real AG., 2023). rights education in Timor-Leste, and continues to develop children's knowledge in the areas of edu- In Article 57. °, n° 1, 2, 3 of the Constitution of the cation. Based on the structuring axes of early RDTL, says that everyone has the right to health games, the base establishes six rights of learning defend and promote them. Also, of the Children's and development: To Live, Play, Participate, Ex- Code, May 2011, in Articles 18 to 22, the same plore, Express, and Know Yourself. On the basis Children's Code. To take care of the child, educate of Article 25 of the Treaty, °, up to 26. °, to the and promote their health and internal development. Children's Code Educational System, May 2011. The partnership between parents, the community The child has the right to a quality education and health professionals, and social education is respect for the same and opportunities. Or we can important. It is important to stimulate the child's say, the law of education, the code underlines the development from an early age so that he acquires importance of quality education, based on the self-confidence, and develops the ability to relate work of competent teachers and the use of appro- well to other children, to the family and to the priate teaching materials, places, facilities and re- community. In this way, you will have a greater sources, as well as on the provision of flexible ed- chance of becoming an adult who has developed ucational proposals, able to meet the specific needs your full potential. Carry out monitoring of the of all children, and with the provisions of the basic child's development in the first years of primary law of education of Timor-Leste cited by (Corte life. When it comes to our children, there is no Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024).

in the future. Therefore, it is very important that in childhood is crucial for them to reach their full rounded by affection and with freedom to play. age helps prevent a number of diseases and health The WHO defines health as a state of complete problems in the future. Establishing healthy habits physical, mental and social well-being, not just the in childhood can lower your risk of obesity, diabeabsence of disease. Children, it seems, have a sim- tes, heart disease, and more. Children's mental ilar opinion. Among the main concerns of parents health is also intertwined with their physical and

education towards relevance in children's lives and and guardians is ensuring the child's health. In orhealthy routine, it is important to offer food and oral hygiene care and ensure medical follow-up. Our vision is that all Timorese children should go Next, follow the essential care for the child's

childhood education, which are interactions and and medical and sanitary assistance and the duty to mission more important than taking care of their health. It is an act of love, affection and responsi-The child is a fully developing human being. The bility to ensure that the little ones are healthy for experiences lived in the first years of life are fun- physical and emotional development. Children are damental for the formation of the child that will be constantly growing and developing. Good health children grow up in a healthy environment, sur- potential. Taking care of your health from an early

AJMCRR, 2024 Volume 3 | Issue 1 | 7 of 9 mental health to be human responsibility cited by the child. Therefore, children's rights began to be (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024).

CONCLUSION

the children's code. What is the advice and duty deal with the rights of human beings in a general for the fulfilment of children's rights that provided manner, while the UN Convention on the Rights for in the statute of thechildren's code to represent of the Child in 1948, and the United Nations Gensome specific objectives. In conclusion, we say eral Assembly on 27 November 2002 and ratified that the Children's Code introduces some innova- by Timor-Leste, and the Civil Penal Code reflect tions in relation to the normative framework al- the positions taken by the Committee the Rights of ready in force in Timor-Leste, especially because the United Nations is very important to understand of the discreple it establishes in terms of constitu-cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., tional law that explains and talks about the right of 2024). the child based on Article 18. In the constitution of the RDTL, at risk and alternative care. As we have **REFERENCES** had occasion to mention, schools and official bod- 1. FREITAS DO AMARAL, DIOGO, Manual de ies establish permanent mechanisms for consultation with the child in order to make the decisions that children make. In any case, the legal law that 2. FREITAS DO AMARAL, DIOGO - Course in exists at the moment regardless of the adoption of the children's code, it is evident that the welfare of Timorese children does not depend on a new law, 3. PEREIRA DA SILVA, VASCO, In search of but on effectively applying the laws that exist in the country cited by (Corte Real AG & Babo Soares D.C., 2024).

To ensure that all children have the right to life, health, food, education, sport, leisure, professional 5. Convention on the Rights of the Child. Prof. training, culture, etc. It is a duty not to be submitted to parents, relatives and the public authorities, 6. Constitution of the Democratic Republic of but Timor-Lis a country that has ratified in the Institution of the RDTL, provided for in Articles 18, 7. Child Code - Preliminary Draft 57°, and the Convention on the Rights of the 8. JERONIMO PATRICIA - International Con-Child, also in Decree-Law, No. 3/2015 - to the Ministry of Justice, and in Timor-L it has the obligation to fulfill its commitment. In the first part of 9. Convention on the Rights of the Child, Adoptthe work, we dealt with the rights of the child, and the fundamental rights that related to the rights of

valued and respected in order to submit to the socialization of societies that sought the protection and realization of human rights. In this respect, the Article 18. In the constitution of the RDTL, and Universal Declaration of Human Rights which

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