

Additional resources relevant to Article 13 (Access to justice)

The following are excerpts from existing human rights conventions:

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Article 12(1): States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.

Article 12(2): For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.

Article 40(2)(b)(vi): Every child alleged as or accused of having infringed the penal law has at least the following guarantees: ... (vi) To have the free assistance of an interpreter if the child cannot understand or speak the language used;