

Item IV: Equal Access to Quality Education includes Quality Physical Education

We note the Committee member on the Rights of the Child noted articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to which we would add specifically:

Article 23 – Students have the right to special education and care if they have a disability so that they can live a full life.

Article 28 – Students have the right to a good quality education and should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level they can. Article 29 – Education should help children use and develop their talents and abilities.

Article 30 – Students have the right to practice their own culture, language and religion, or any they choose. Indigenous peoples and minority groups need special protection of this right. Article 31, 29(a) - Students and children have the right to play and to quality physical education.

The concern we have is that the CRC General Comment regarding Indigenous children excludes two important elements of quality education:

1 Article 29(a) - Quality Physical Education, i.e. when you cut from education budgets physical education you no longer have quality education.

2 Article 31 - Right to Play (traditional games and sports)

Therefore we respectfully recommend you include specific reference to article 31 CRC, because of all positive benefits of opportunity to enjoy this right to play and quality physical education as part of equal access to quality education and as implementation of UN Declaration article 31.