

TABLE 1
LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND SOURCES RELATING TO UASC

Principle	Source
Best interests of the child are a primary consideration in all actions concerning children	Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), Article 3
Right to a name, legal identity and birth registration	CRC, Articles 7, 8 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1954), Articles 2, 4
Right to family life and unity, to not be separated from his/her parents, and to humane family reunification	CRC, Articles 9, 10, 16 Fourth Geneva Convention (1949), Articles 26, 27(1), 49(3) Additional Protocol I (1977), Article 47 Additional Protocol II (1977), Article 4(3)(b) Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951), Recommendation B African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Articles 19, 25 Kampala Convention, Article 9
Protection from illicit transfer abroad	CRC, Article 11 Hague Conference on International Law, Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, Article 3
Right to legal and physical protection from abuse and exploitation	CRC, Articles 19, 34, 35, 36
Right to special protection and alternative care	CRC, Articles 20, 25 American Convention on Human Rights, Article 19 African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Article 25
Right to adequate safeguards and adherence to a child's best interests in the case of adoption	CRC, Article 21 The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, Article 4, 5
Entitlement to special respect and protection in armed conflict, including care for separated children	CRC, Article 38 Fourth Geneva Convention, Articles 23, 24, 38, 50, 76, 89 Additional Protocol I, Articles 70(1), 77(1) Additional Protocol II, Article 4(3) African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Article 22

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