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The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Contents and Implementation

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the first binding universal treaty dedicated solely to the protection and promotion of children's rights. It was unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989, and has now been ratified by most nations of the world. This presentation will provide an overview of the convention, its adoption and some of its important principles.

Article 27, which recognizes the child's right to an adequate standard of living, is especially relevant for the focus of this year's course, Children and Poverty. This Article and its implementation in Norway will be discussed.

Implementation of the Convention generally will also be addressed with emphasis on the Committee on the Rights of the Child and national reporting to this committee. What is the formal procedure for monitoring and implementing the CRC, and how has this been followed up in practice. The role of organizations involved in monitoring the convention, including the ombudsman for children, CRIN, UNICEF, and Save the Children will also be discussed.