

UN Convention of Rights of the child

Article Connections: Slavery and Earth's Resources

Article 2 – Non-Discrimination

Slavery: Enslaved individuals were discriminated against based on race, origin, or social status. This lack of equality perpetuated exploitation and oppression.

Sustainability: Inequitable access to Earth's resources often mirrors the discriminatory practices of slavery, where some groups are denied fair access or are exploited for resource extraction.



Article 3 – Best Interests of the Child

Slavery: Children's best interests were ignored during slavery, with exploitation driven by profit motives.

Sustainability: Unsustainable practices prioritize immediate gains over the well-being of future generations, compromising their best interests.

Article 4 – Implementation of Rights

Slavery: Governments failed to protect enslaved children's rights, enabling exploitation.

Sustainability: Governments must now take similar responsibility to implement policies protecting natural resources and ensuring equity for future generations.



Article 8 – Preservation of Identity

Slavery: Enslaved people often lost their cultural identity, names, and connection to ancestral lands.

Sustainability: Unsustainable resource extraction can destroy cultural heritage tied to land and ecosystems, displacing communities.

Article 9 – Separation from Parents

Slavery: Families were torn apart for labor and profit.

Sustainability: Resource depletion and climate crises displace families, forcing migration and separation due to unlivable conditions.



Article 19 – Protection from Violence, Abuse, and Neglect

Slavery: Enslaved children were subjected to violence and neglect.

Sustainability: Environmental degradation caused by unsustainable practices harms communities, leading to loss of livelihood and neglect of vulnerable populations.

Article 28 – Right to Education

Slavery: Enslaved children were denied education, preventing empowerment and perpetuating cycles of exploitation.

Sustainability: Education is essential for understanding resource conservation, sustainable practices, and breaking cycles of overuse and inequity.



Article 31 – Right to Rest, Play, and Leisure

Slavery: Enslaved children were deprived of leisure and subjected to labor.

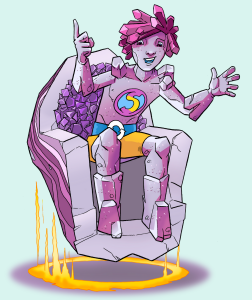
Sustainability: Children's ability to enjoy nature and outdoor activities is compromised when ecosystems are degraded.

Article 32 – Protection from Child Labour

Slavery: Child labor was a core part of slavery, exploiting young individuals in resource-intensive industries.

Sustainability: Modern child labor persists in industries like mining and agriculture, driven by unsustainable consumer demand.





Article 34 – Protection from Sexual Exploitation

Slavery: Enslaved individuals, including children, were subjected to exploitation.

Sustainability: Trafficking often links to resource-rich regions where law enforcement is weak, exacerbating both human and environmental exploitation.

Article 35 – Prevention of Abduction, Sale, and Trafficking

Slavery: Human trafficking during slavery disrupted lives and communities.

Sustainability: Trafficking persists in industries like illegal logging, fishing, and mining, tying human rights violations to environmental harm.



Article 36 – Protection from Exploitation

Slavery: Exploitation of enslaved people for profit harmed both individuals and society.

Sustainability: Overexploitation of Earth's resources mirrors this dynamic, benefiting a few while causing widespread harm.

Article 37 – Protection from Torture and Deprivation of Liberty

Slavery: Enslaved individuals endured inhumane treatment and deprivation of freedom.

Sustainability: Environmental degradation can trap communities in poverty and dependency, depriving them of agency and freedom.



Article 39 – Recovery from Abuse and Neglect

Slavery: Societies had to work towards justice, recovery, and reparations post-slavery.

Sustainability: Restoring ecosystems and supporting communities affected by environmental harm is critical for healing and progress.

