

**Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights****Forty-seventh session**

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**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under Articles 16 and 17
of the Covenant****Concluding Observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights****Israel**

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights considered the third periodic report of Israel on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/ISR/3) at its thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh meetings, held on 16 and 17 November 2011 (E/C.12/2011/SR.35-37), and adopted, at its fifty-ninth meeting held on 2 December 2011, the following concluding observations.

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The Committee is concerned that, in the case of a divorce, custody of children up to the age of six is always given to mothers, and that fathers are often required to pay child support awards that exceed their income, and if not that their freedom of movement is seriously curtailed. The Committee is concerned that divorced fathers often are required to visit their children in supervised visitation centers during their working hours, which leads to the accumulation of work absences and the risk of dismissal. (art.10).

The Committee recommends that the State party amend the Capacity and Guardianship Law so that custody of children up to the age of six is not always given to mothers, and ensure that child support awards do not lead to an inadequate standard of living for the father.