

## **UN Convention on the Rights of Children**

### **Article 3**

1. In all actions concerning children, whether ... courts of law, ... *the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration....*

### **Article 12**

1. ... *the child who is capable of forming his or her own views (has) the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, (and) the views of the child (will be) given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.*

2. ... *the child shall ... be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial ... proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or (indirectly) ..., in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.*

### **Article 13**

1. *The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds,... either orally, in writing or in print,... or through any other media of the child's choice...*

### **Article 18**

1. ...both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child. *Parents... have the primary responsibility for the upbringing and development of the child. The best interests of the child will be their basic concern....*