

## Further step towards universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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### Universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child : almost a reality

BICE welcomes this new step. By ratifying the Convention, Southern Sudan has pledged itself to being legally bound by its provisions. It must not only respect the text of the convention, it must also give a full account of its application, before the [United Nations Committee](#) on the Rights of the Child.

This new ratification follows that of Somalia, in January 2015, which will be finalised when the Somali government has submitted its [instruments of ratification](#) to the UN headquarters in New York.

The last member state which has not fully adopted the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** is the United States, which has signed the text but has not begun the process of ratification. BICE calls for a universal ratification of the Convention and its effective application by all member states.

### An insufficient application of the Convention

Ratification of the Convention is an essential step towards a strengthening of the **rights of the child**; however, this progress is insufficient.

Many countries who have already ratified the text have not yet made it a subject of national law.

Beyond ratification, the member states must take all necessary measures to implement all the provisions of the Convention.