

## **Annex 5**

### **Youth welfare**

“Article 6. When implementing the present Decree, the counselor and director shall take no individual measure or decision on assistance without first inviting those to an interview ... Young persons must be involved in decisions concerning them and in their implementation unless it has been duly established that this is not possible.”

“Article 7. No individual decision concerning assistance may be taken by the counsellor without the written agreement of the beneficiary if they have reached the age of 14.”

“Article 10, paragraph 1 (2). Any assistance measures accepted may be revoked or amended at any time by the counsellor in the interest of the young person, either (1) at the request ... of the young person themselves if they are over 14 years of age ...”

“Article 11, paragraph 2. The interested parties may personally examine documents concerning them, with the exception of medical or psychological reports or documents communicated for information to the counsellor or the director by the judicial authorities.”

“Article 37. The juvenile court shall hear disputes relating to the granting, denial or implementation of individual support measures brought before it ... (2) by a young person aged 14 or older; (3) where, in the case of a young person below the age of 14, the persons referred to in point 1 refrain from referring the case to the court, either (a) by the young person themselves; or (b) by a guardian ad litem appointed by the presiding judge of the lower court at the request of any interested party or, where necessary, by the Crown prosecutor; or (c) by a guardian ad litem to be appointed by the presiding judge of the lower court at the request of the same persons if it appears that a young person below the age of 14 is incapable of discernment with regard to the matter under dispute, in which case the juvenile court shall stay proceedings until the ad litem guardian is appointed.”

### **Canvassing young people’s views**

“Article 21. The district youth welfare council: (3) shall work with local bodies throughout the district to canvass the needs and views of young people regarding general preventive measures. A member of the district council shall be appointed to coordinate the work in conjunction with the general prevention section of the district youth welfare service and report the results in writing at least once a year.”

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30 April 2009 – Decree approving the cooperation agreement between the French Community and the French Community Commission on the inclusion of young persons with disabilities in schools.

30 April 2009 – Decree on parents' associations and organizations representing parents' associations in the French Community.

26 April 2009 – Decree approving the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, adopted in New York on 13 December 2006.

14 May 2009 – Order of the Government of the French Community on school dropout prevention services.

23 January 2009 – Order of the Government of the French Community implementing the Decree of 24 March 2006 on the implementation, promotion and strengthening of cooperation between Culture and Education.

8 January 2009 – Order of the Government of the French Community setting the date of entry into force of articles 2 and 4 of the Decree of 25 May 2007 amending the Decree of the French Community of 8 March 2001 on health promotion.

5 December 2008 – Order of the Government of the French Community regulating the implementation of the Decree of 20 July 2000 on the conditions for the accreditation and funding of youth clubs, community centres.

29 May 2008 – Order of the Government of the French Community approving the management contract of the Perinatal and Children's Service, 2008–2012.

Decree of 28 April 2009 on holiday centres passed by the Parliament of the French Community and promulgated by the Government of the French Community on 30 April, and draft decree amending the Order of 17 March 2004 on holiday centres: increase in the budget allocations established in the management contract of the Perinatal and Children's Service.

Decree of 14 July 1997 amended by the Parliament of the French Community on 24 March 2009, promulgated by the Government of the French Community on 26 March: screening for congenital anomalies among children. This Decree provides for the possibility of such screening, which is therefore left to the discretion of parents and is available in three university screening centres.

Decree of the Parliament of 24 March 2009 promulgated by the Government of the French Community on 26 March 2009: routine neonatal screening for deafness in the French Community and draft order of the Government of the French Community setting out the protocol for the programme of routine neonatal screening for deafness.

8 October 2009 – Draft order on subsidies for bridging classes in primary and secondary education. Cost: €1,326,505 in primary education and €1,728,350 in secondary education. Jobs: 30 full-time equivalents (FTEs) in nursery/primary education and 38.18 in primary education. Revision of the Decree of 14 June 2001 on the integration of newly-arrived pupils.

10 December 2009 – Establishment of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh bridging classes in nursery/primary education and the twenty-ninth in secondary education. Cost (calculated by AGPE): €106,742 in nursery/primary education and €119,751 in secondary education. Impact on employment: 3.75 FTEs and 4.09 FTEs.

Decree of 23 January 2009 on the organization of sign language immersion programmes: pilot project. Budgetary impact: €318,000, of which €90,688 for DO41 AB 4401 45 and €226,720 for 64.

Decree of 30 April 2009 on the strengthening of external evaluation of pupils' attainment in compulsory education. Compulsory primary education, certified. Secondary pilot project: Tess (Higher Secondary Education Test).

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