Presidential Degree no. 603
“Child and Youth Welfare Code”

Article 3 – Rights of a Child
Rights of a child

All children shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy or illegitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors.
12 rights of a child:

1. Every child is endowed with the dignity and worth of a human being from the moment of his conception, as generally accepted in medical parlance, and has, therefore, the right to be born well.

In short: Every child has the right to be born well and must be cared and raised well.
12 rights of a child:

2. Every child has the right to a wholesome family life that will provide him/her with love, care and understanding, guidance and counseling, and moral and material security.

In short: Every child has the right to live with a family who loves, cares and teaches good morals to him/her.
12 rights of a child:

3. Every child has the right to a well-rounded development of his personality to the end that he may become a happy, useful and active member of society.

*In short: Every child has the right to have a proper care and importance from other people.*
12 rights of a child:

4. Every child has the right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life.

In short: Every child has the right to have the basic needs of people such as food, water, shelter, clothing and health care.
12 rights of a child:

5. Every child has the right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his character.

In short: Every child has the right to have everything he/she needs for a better life.
12 rights of a child:

6. Every child has the right to an education commensurate with his abilities and to the development of his skills for the improvement of his capacity for service to himself and to his fellowmen.

*In short*: Every child has the right to be educated.
12 rights of a child:

7. Every child has the right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities, individual as well as social, for the wholesome use of his leisure hours.

In short: Every child has the right to play and enjoy whenever they have the opportunity.
12 rights of a child:

8. Every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development.

In short: Every child has the right to be protected from abuse of adults.
12 rights of a child:

9. Every child has the right to live in a community and a society that can offer him an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of his health and the cultivation of his desirable traits and attributes.

In short: Every child has the right to live peacefully away from bad influences.
12 rights of a child:

10. Every child has the right to the care, assistance, and protection of the State, particularly when his parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide him with his fundamental needs for growth, development, and improvement.

*In short: Every child has the right to be cared whenever their parents are not available or cannot sustain their needs.*
12 rights of a child:

11. Every child has the right to an efficient and honest government that will deepen his faith in democracy and inspire him with the morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives.

In short: Every child has the right to be living in a good government who helps them strengthen their faith and to become a better citizen.
12 rights of a child:

12. Every child has the right to grow up as a free individual, in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute his share in the building of a better world.

*In short: Every child has the right to grow up peacefully and getting what they want for the good of their lives.*