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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The fortieth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 30 September 2005. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 12 September 2005 at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fortieth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fortieth session.
5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 7 October 2005.

**Provisional agenda**

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## Annotations

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

### Item 2. Organizational matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties

#### Reports received

3. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fortieth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial report:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Turkmenistan	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.24

4. The Secretary-General has also received the following second periodic reports, in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the fortieth session:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Benin	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.36
Mauritius	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.35
Ghana	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.34
Senegal	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.37
Hungary	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.25
United Republic of Tanzania	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.26
Azerbaijan	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.13
Latvia	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.16
Lithuania	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.14
Thailand	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.15
Marshall Islands	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.8
Uzbekistan	2001	CRC/C/104/Add.6
Liechtenstein	2003	CRC/C/136/Add.2
Oman	2004	CRC/C/149/Add.1

5. The Secretary-General has also received the following third periodic reports:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Mexico	2002	CRC/C/125/Add.7
Peru	2002	CRC/C/125/Add.6
Colombia	2003	CRC/C/129/Add.6
Ethiopia	2003	CRC/C/129/Add.8
Lebanon	2003	CRC/C/129/Add.7

6. The Secretary-General has also received the following initial reports under the Convention's Optional Protocols, in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the fortieth session.

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the involvement of  
children in armed conflict**

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Finland	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/FIN/1
Italy	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/ITA/1
Andorra	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/AND/1
Switzerland	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/CHE/1
Denmark	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/DEN/1
Canada	2004	CRC/OPSA/CAN/1
Bangladesh	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/BGD/1
Iceland	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/ISL/1
El Salvador	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/SLV/1
Belgium	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/BEL/1

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the sale of children,  
child prostitution and child pornography**

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Morocco	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/MOR/1
Italy	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/ITA/1
Kazakhstan	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/KAZ/1
Andorra	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/AND/1
Iceland	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/ISL/1
Qatar	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/QAT/1
Turkey	2004	CRC/C/OPSA/TUR/1

### Reports due

7. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 30 June 2005 but have not yet been received are listed below:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Number of reminders sent</u>
Congo	12 November 1995	9
Afghanistan	26 April 1996	8
Nauru	25 August 1996	8
Samoa	28 December 1996	8
Malaysia	19 March 1997	7
Swaziland	5 October 1997	7
Tuvalu	21 October 1997	7
Tonga	5 December 1997	7
Kiribati	9 January 1998	6
Niue	18 January 1998	6
Cook Islands	5 July 1999	5

8. At its twenty-ninth session (see CRC/C/114, para. 561), the Committee decided to send a letter to all States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and 1993, requesting them to submit that report within one year. The Committee further decided to inform those States parties in the same letter that should they not report within one year, the Committee would consider the situation of child rights in the State in the absence of the initial report, as foreseen in the Committee's "Overview of the reporting procedures" (CRC/C/33, paras. 29-32) and in light of rule 67 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure (CRC/C/4). In this regard, the Committee noted with satisfaction that all concerned States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and 1993 have since submitted them.

9. At its thirty-third session the Committee decided to send a letter to all States parties whose initial reports were due in 1994 (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Equatorial Guinea), requesting them to submit that report within one year. The Committee informed States parties in the same letter that, should they not report within one year, the Committee would consider the situation of child rights in the State in the absence of the initial report. The Committee noted with satisfaction that concerned States parties have submitted their initial reports.

10. The States parties whose second periodic reports were due by 30 June 2005 but have not yet been received are listed below:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>
Bhutan	1 September 1997
Guinea	1 September 1997
Holy See	1 September 1997
Kenya	1 September 1997
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1997
Sierra Leone	1 September 1997
Gambia	6 September 1997
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1997
Seychelles	6 October 1997
Zimbabwe	10 October 1997
Venezuela	12 October 1997
Mali	19 October 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	19 October 1997
Brazil	23 October 1997
Malta	29 October 1997
Namibia	29 October 1997
Niger	29 October 1997
Chad	31 October 1997
Barbados	7 November 1997
Burundi	17 November 1997
Grenada	4 December 1997
Uruguay	19 December 1997
Angola	3 January 1998
Djibouti	4 January 1998
Malawi	31 January 1998
Serbia and Montenegro	1 February 1998
Guyana	12 February 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1998
Maldives	12 March 1998
Bahamas	21 March 1998
Dominica	11 April 1998
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 June 1998
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1998
Mauritania	14 June 1998
Bulgaria	2 July 1998

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>
Dominican Republic	10 July 1998
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1998
Cuba	19 September 1998
Israel	1 November 1998
Estonia	19 November 1998
Kuwait	19 November 1998
San Marino	24 December 1998
Zambia	4 January 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1999
Bahrain	14 March 1999
Albania	27 March 1999
Lesotho	8 April 1999
Central African Republic	23 May 1999
Cape Verde	3 July 1999
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1999
Ireland	27 October 1999
Cambodia	13 November 1999
Slovakia	31 December 1999
Cameroon	9 February 2000
Republic of Moldova	24 February 2000
Papua New Guinea	31 March 2000
Suriname	31 March 2000
Micronesia (Federated States of)	3 June 2000
Greece	9 June 2000
Liberia	3 July 2000
Saint Lucia	15 July 2000
Monaco	20 July 2000
Comoros	21 July 2000
Armenia	5 August 2000
Vanuatu	5 August 2000
Fiji	11 September 2000
Turkmenistan	19 October 2000
Gabon	10 March 2001
Afghanistan	26 April 2001
Mozambique	25 May 2001

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>
Iraq	14 July 2001
Nauru	25 August 2001
Eritrea	1 September 2001
Kazakhstan	10 September 2001
Samoa	28 December 2001

11. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51), 1998 (CRC/C/61) and 1999 (CRC/C/78) (no initial reports were due in 2000). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the list of States whose second periodic reports were due in 1997 (CRC/C/65), 1998 (CRC/C/70), 1999 (CRC/C/83), 2000 (CRC/C/93), 2001 (CRC/C/104) or 2002 (CRC/C/117).

12. Further, the Committee will have before it a document indicating the status of submission of reports under the Convention and its two optional protocols (CRC/C/152) which also indicates exceptional measures granted by the Committee to States parties that are encountering problems in complying with the strict time frame for submission of reports established by the Convention in article 44, paragraph 1, or the consideration of whose reports has been delayed. These recommendations apply as exceptional measures taken for one time only.

13. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.11).

#### **Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties**

14. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fortieth session, prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

##### **Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties**

Monday, 12 September 2005	11 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Trinidad and Tobago	CRC/C/83/Add.12
Tuesday, 13 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Australia	CRC/C/129/Add.4
Wednesday, 14 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Algeria	CRC/C/93/Add.7
Thursday, 15 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Uganda	CRC/C/65/Add.33

Monday, 19 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	China	CRC/C/83/Add.9 (and Parts I and II)
Tuesday, 20 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	China (continued)	CRC/C/OPSA/CHN/1
Thursday, 22 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Finland	CRC/C/129/Add.5 and CRC/OPAC/FIN/1
Friday, 23 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Saudi Arabia	CRC/C/136/Add.1
Monday, 26 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Denmark	CRC/C/129/Add.3 and CRC/OPAC/DEN/1
Wednesday, 28 September 2005	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Russian Federation	CRC/C/125/Add.5

15. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

16. In light of articles 44 and 45 of the Convention, the Committee will adopt concluding observations and recommendations for all States parties considered at its fortieth session during its last meeting, scheduled to take place on 30 September 2005 at the Palais Wilson, Geneva. Representatives of the nine States parties that are scheduled to be considered at this session are invited to attend this public meeting. Representatives of other States parties, United Nations agencies and bodies and all other competent bodies and observers are also invited to attend this meeting.

17. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fortieth session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

#### **Item 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies**

18. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

#### **Item 6. Methods of work of the Committee**

19. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

20. The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to twenty-ninth sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.10).

#### **Item 7. Day of general discussion**

21. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee decided at its thirty-seventh session that a day of general discussion would be held during its fortieth session devoted to the question of "Children without parental care", and agreed to invite interested States parties, organizations and individuals to participate in that discussion, which will take place on Friday, 16 September 2005. At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee adopted an outline for the discussion day (see CRC/C/146, annex II). Invitations have been dispatched by the Secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals.

#### **Item 8. General comments**

22. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

#### **Item 9. Future meetings**

23. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

#### **Item 10. Other matters**

24. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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