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COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
Forty-seventh session  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The forty-seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 January to 1 February 2008. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 14 January 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 forty-seventh 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 forty-seventh 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 8 to 11 October 2007.

**Provisional agenda**

1. Solemn declaration by new member.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational matters.
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5. Consideration of reports of States parties.
6. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.
7. Methods of work of the Committee.
8. Day of general discussion.
9. General comments.
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11. Other matters.

## Annotations

### Item 1. Solemn declaration by new member

6. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the newly elected members of the Committee will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

### Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

7. 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 3. Organizational matters

8. 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 4. Submission of reports by States parties

#### Reports received

9. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-seventh session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session, document CRC/C/46/1, the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

#### Convention on the Rights of the Child

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, third and fourth	2007	CRC/C/GBR/4
Bangladesh, third and fourth	2007	CRC/C/BGD/4
France, third and fourth	2007	CRC/C/FRA/4
Sweden, fourth	2007	CRC/C/SWE/4
Malawi, second	1998	CRC/C/MWI/2
Moldova, second and third	2000	CRC/C/MDA/3
Democratic Republic of the Congo, second	1997	CRC/C/COD/2

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Djibouti, second	1998	CRC/C/DJI/2
Romania, third and fourth	2007	CRC/C/ROU/4

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

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Argentina	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/ARG/1
Tanzania	2006	CRC/C/OPAC/TZA/1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2007	CRC/C/OPAC/GBR/1
Tunisia	2005	CRC/C/OPAC/TUN/1
Uganda	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/UGA/1
Maldives	2007	CRC/C/OPAC/MDV/1
Oman	2006	CRC/C/OPAC/OMN/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>
Tanzania	2005	CRC/C/OPSC/TZA/1
Austria	2006	CRC/C/OPSC/AUT/1
Lithuania	2006	CRC/C/OPSC/LTU/1
Uganda	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/UGA/1
Maldives	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/MDV/1
Netherlands	2007	CRC/C/OPSC/NLD/1
Oman	2006	CRC/C/OPSC/OMN/1

**Overdue reports due**

10. 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. The full list of initial and periodic reports due under the Convention and the initial reports due under the Optional Protocols can be found in the document on the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/47/2). This document 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.

**Item 5. Consideration of reports of States parties**

11. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the forty-seventh 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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Report</u>
Tuesday, 15 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Georgia , third
	3 p.m.	5	Georgia (con't)
Wednesday, 16 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Timor Leste, initial (including the common core document)
	3 p.m.	5	Timor Leste, (con't)
Thursday, 17 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Timor Leste, OPAC and OPSC
	3 p.m.	5	Timor Leste, OPAC and OPSC (con't)
Friday, 18 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Germany, OPAC
Monday, 21 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Dominican Republic, second
	3 p.m.	5	Dominican Republic (con't)
Wednesday, 23 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Ireland OPAC
Thursday, 24 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Kuwait OPAC and OPSC
	3 p.m.	5	Kuwait OPAC and OPSC (con't)
Monday, 28 January 2008	10 a.m.	5	Chile OPAC and OPSC
	3 p.m.	5	Chile OPAC and OPSC (cont.)

12. 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. In accordance with its decision no. 8 related to the consideration of reports under the two Optional Protocols, the Committee may also offer States a choice of technical review for the consideration of reports under the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

13. 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 forty-seventh session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend these meetings of the Committee.

**Item 6. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies**

14. Under this item, the Committee will 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 7. Methods of work of the Committee**

15. Under this item, the Committee will 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.

### **Item 8. Days of general discussion**

16. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee decided at its forty-sixth session that a general day of discussion would be held during its forty-ninth session devoted to the issue of education in situations of emergency. The day of general discussion will take place on Friday, 19 September 2008. At its forty-seventh session, the Committee will adopt an outline for the discussion day (see CRC/C/47/3, annex). Documentation and information related to the day of general discussion will be available on the web page of the Committee on the Rights of the Child at <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/discussion.htm>.

### **Item 9. General comments**

17. Under this item, the Committee will pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention, and specifically on two drafts, one related to the Rights of Indigenous Children and one on Child Participation.

### **Item 10. Future meetings**

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

### **Item 11. Other matters**

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

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