

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK

**Open-ended Working Group of the Human Rights Council to explore the possibility
of elaborating an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XX
14 – 18 December 2009**

Time	Wednesday 16 December	Thursday 17 December	Friday 18 December
<p>Morning meetings:</p> <p>10 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Opening of the session</p> <p>Election of the Chairperson-Rapporteur</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda, timetable and programme of work</p> <p>General debate</p> <p><i>Discussion on specific topic</i> <u>Topic:</u> Reasons and timing to elaborate a communications procedure under the Convention on the Rights of the Child <u>Expert*:</u> <i>Ms. Y. Lee</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion on specific topic</i> <u>Topic:</u> Unique nature of the rights of the child/specific rights from the CRC including the right of the child to be heard <u>Experts:</u> <i>Ms. M. Santos Pais and Mr. J. Zermatten</i></p>	<p>Informal consultations (<i>cont'd</i>)</p> <p>Preparation of the draft report</p>
<p>Afternoon meetings:</p> <p>3pm to 6pm</p>	<p><i>Discussion on specific topic</i> <u>Topic:</u> Existing international mechanisms, their efficiency and accessibility by children: perspective of a special procedure <u>Expert:</u> <i>Ms. N. M'jid Maalla</i></p> <p><i>Discussion on specific topic</i> <u>Topic:</u> Efficiency in protection of the rights of the child under mechanisms existing at national and regional level. Discussion on best practices/deficiencies <u>Expert:</u> <i>Mr. P. Newell</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion on specific topic</i> <u>Topic:</u> Implications of a communications procedure under the Convention on Rights of the Child/feasibility of the procedure <u>Expert:</u> <i>Ms. Y. Lee</i></p> <p>Informal consultations</p>	<p>Presentation and adoption of the draft report</p>

* Experts will be introducing each topic, followed by a plenary discussion.

* Meetings will start at 10am and 3 pm sharp.