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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the
initial report of Angola (CRC/C/3/Add.66)

Part I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 5 August 2004.

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age and minority groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the:
 - a) number and proportion of children under 18 living in the State party;
 - b) number and proportion of children belonging to minority, refugee and internally displaced groups.

2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional disaggregated data for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures and in percentages of the national budget or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Convention, evaluating also the priorities for budgetary expenditures given to the following:
 - a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
 - b) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care and other health care services for children);
 - c) programmes and services for children with disabilities;
 - d) support programmes for families;
 - e) support for children living below the poverty line;
 - f) the protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
 - g) programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse, child sexual exploitation and child labour;
 - h) programmes and services for street children and abandoned children;
 - i) juvenile justice.

Please also indicate the expenses of the private sector, in particular for health and education.

3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, minority groups, urban, rural and remote areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the number of children:
 - a) separated from their parents;
 - b) placed in institutions
 - c) placed with foster families;
 - d) adopted domestically or through inter-country adoptions.

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by sex, age and minority groups, covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003:
 - a) living with their families;
 - b) in institutions;
 - c) attending regular schools;
 - d) attending special schools; and
 - e) not attending any school.

5. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, gender and minority groups and types of violations reported) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the:
 - a) number of individual complaints received per year in the last three years;
 - b) number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up.

6. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups and minority groups, urban, rural and remote areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:
 - a) the enrolment and completion rates in percentages of the relevant group in pre-primary schools, in primary schools and in secondary schools;
 - b) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions;
 - c) number and percentage of children not attending school at all;
 - d) ratio teacher per children.

7. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age groups, minority groups, urban, rural and remote areas) on children infected by malaria; adolescent health, including early pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs); mental health; suicide; drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse as well as rates of infant and child mortality and of malnutrition for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Also, please provide numbers of health professionals working in the health care services for children.

8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by gender, age groups and minority groups, urban, rural and remote areas) on children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as information on programmes implemented to address the problems of these children.

9. Please provide appropriate disaggregated data (including by gender, age, minority groups, and type of crime) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, in particular on the number of:
 - a) persons below 18 who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
 - b) persons below 18 who have been sentenced and type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
 - c) detention facilities for juvenile offenders (under 18) and their capacity;
 - d) persons below 18 detained in these facilities and persons below 18 detained in adult facilities;
 - e) persons below 18 kept in pre-trial detention and the average length of their detention;

f) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons below 18 occurred during their arrest and detention;

10. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by gender, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:

a) the number of street children and children involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking;

b) the number of children involved in sexual exploitation who received rehabilitation treatments;

c) the number of displaced children and children separated from their families as a consequence of armed conflict;

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. Please provide clarification on the status of the Convention in domestic legislation and provide information on cases, if any, where the Convention has been directly invoked in the courts.

2. Please provide information on the impact of customary law on the enjoyment by children of their rights under the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

3. Please provide information on the impact of the community programme for poverty reduction on the implementation of children's rights.

4. Please provide updated information on mechanisms to coordinate policies and programmes on children's rights, including services for children, among relevant departments and ministries and between the central and local levels.

5. Please provide further information on the ongoing work on formulating a National Human Rights Action Plan, including information on the mechanisms envisaged to oversee its implementation. In particular, please indicate whether and to what extent National Human Rights Action Plan will constitute a comprehensive national plan of action, which cover all rights of the Convention and sets out specific time bound and measurable goals and targets; and how it relates to the outcome document "A World Fit for Children" adopted at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children (2002).

6. Please provide further information on the plans to establish a National Human Rights Commission, including information on whether it will be in compliance with the Paris Principles (General Assembly resolution 48/134) and whether it will deal specifically with children's rights.

7. Please provide additional information on the system for data collection.

8. Please provide further information on efforts to raise awareness about and provide training and information on the Convention and on human rights in general.

9. Please provide information on the existing practice, structures and/or agreements regarding cooperation between the Government and non-governmental organizations involved with the promotion and protection of children's rights.

10. Please indicate the issues affecting children that the State party considers to be priorities requiring the most urgent attention with regard to the implementation of the Convention

Part II

Please provide the Committee with copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.

Part III

Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) up-date the information provided in its report with regard to:

- New bills or enacted legislation
- New institutions
- Newly implemented policies
- Newly implemented programmes and projects and their scope.

Part IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues (that does not contain issues already covered in Part I) that the Committee may take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written answers. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. Measures to strengthen the Convention's implementation with particular attention to the general principles of the Convention: non-discrimination (art.2); the best interests of the child (art.3); the right to life, survival and development (art. 6); and the right of the child to be heard (art.12).
2. Birth registration and the National Campaign for Free Registration of Children (results and problems encountered).
3. Children living in institutions, including orphans.
4. Alimony and enforcement of decisions concerning maintenance obligations.
5. Adoption and protection of children placed in foster care.
6. Violence against children, including ill-treatment and corporal punishment.
7. Access to quality health care; infant, child and maternal mortality and morbidity.
8. Children with disabilities.
9. Access to quality education.
10. Standard of living, including access to safe drinking water and housing
11. Situation of displaced and refugee children and measures taken by the State party in that regard.
12. National Programme to Trace and Unite Families (results and problems encountered).
13. Economic exploitation, including child domestic workers.
14. The situation of street children.
15. Sexual exploitation.
16. Juvenile Justice, including information on the 1996 Law on Juvenile Justice and information on alternative forms of sanctions for young offenders.
17. Rehabilitation of child soldiers.
18. Demining programmes (results and problems encountered).
