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List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the initial report of Belarus (CRC/C/OPAC/BLR/1)

The State Party is requested to submit additional, updated information in writing, and not exceeding 30 pages, if possible before 19 November 2010.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State Party.

1. Please provide further information on the Minsk Souvorov Military School, namely:
 - (a) Conditions for enrolling in and leaving the school;
 - (b) Information on the type of education provided, and the proportion of academic education and military training in the curriculum, including if the students are trained in using weapons;
 - (c) Age-disaggregated data on the students, their military status in the case of mobilization or armed conflict or any emergency situation, and their right to leave such schools at any time and not to pursue a military career.
2. Please provide information on the activities and curricula, if any, of the military-patriotic summer camps organized on premises used by the Ministry of the Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and Ministry of Emergency Situations.
3. Please clarify whether extraterritorial jurisdiction can be established for offences under the Optional Protocol committed abroad by or against one of its nationals.
4. Please explain whether the State party has established a mechanism to ensure that children entering its territory and who have been used in hostilities are properly identified and assisted.
5. Please indicate whether national legislation prohibits the trade and export of small and light arms, as well as military assistance to countries where children are involved in armed conflict.

6. Please indicate whether the State party has considered ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
