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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of Chile (CRC/C/OPAC/CHL/1)

Under this section the State Party is requested to submit <u>in written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 23 November 2007</u>

1. Please indicate whether there is any legal provision in the State party's legislation which criminalizes compulsory recruitment or involvement in hostilities of a person under 18. Please clarify whether criminal responsibility of legal persons can also be established in the State party's legal system in case of such recruitment.

2. Please clarify what is meant in article 69 of the Armed Forces' Recruitment and Mobilization Law stating that: "In times of war, the President of the Republic can call upon all persons, regardless of sex or age limit, to be employed in the different services that the nation requires".

3. Please provide detailed information as to whether Chile assumes extraterritorial jurisdiction in case of compulsory recruitment or involvement in hostilities of a person under 18 if committed outside Chile by or against a Chilean citizen.

4. Please inform the Committee on the number of persons under 18 enrolled in military schools as well as in pre -military schools, e.g. the "Instituto Premilitar Luís Cruz Martinez".

5. Please clarify whether military training of voluntary recruits under 18 includes training with any kind of arms.

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6. Please provide disaggregated data (including by sex, age and country of origin) covering the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 on the number of unaccompanied asylum - seeking, refugee and migrant children coming to Chile from areas affected b y armed conflict. In this respect, p lease provide information on measures adopted with regard to physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of refugee, asylum - seeking and migrant children entering Chile who may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad.

7. Please explain how the access to arms is regulated within the State party. Please also provide information on the rules regulating the production, sale and distribution of small arms and other weaponry. Is there any domestic system of control for the sale of arms with respect to the country of final destination, e.g. whether children are/may be recruited or used in hostilities?