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Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the consideration of the fourth report of Denmark (CRC/C/DNK/4)

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

Part I

In this section, the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 19 November 2010, not exceeding 30 pages.

- 1. Please indicate any measures taken to withdraw the State party's reservation to article 40(2)(b)(v), particularly with regard to the right to appeal court decisions.
- 2. Please inform the Committee as to whether the State party intends to incorporate the Convention into its domestic law and, in this respect, please provide further information on the unwritten rules applied by judicial authorities to resolve any conflict between domestic law and the Convention.
- 3. Please provide additional information on the Children's Reform legislation, as well as any measures taken to harmonise child rights legislation in Greenland and the Faroe Islands with the Convention.
- 4. In view of the changes to the State party's institutional and administrative structures following the Municipal Reform which entered into force in January 2007, please provide detailed information on the government agency or agencies responsible for the horizontal and vertical coordination of the implementation of the Convention, including the authority and capacity for this coordination.
- 5. Please provide information on any measures taken with regard to the establishment of an independent monitoring mechanism for child rights, such as an Ombudsman for children with a clear mandate to receive complaints and to apply the Convention

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- 6. Please provide information on measures taken to raise awareness of the Convention in the State party, including Greenland and the Faroe Islands.
- 7. Please provide detailed information on the protection and support measures taken by the State party to assist child victims of violence, including violence in the home. Please also provide information on the training available to police, the judiciary, social workers, medical professionals and other persons involved in the care of child victims of violence.
- 8. Please inform the Committee as to whether the State party has adopted a new plan of action to address violence against women and children since the lapsing of the Plan of Action to Combat Men's Violence against Women and Children (2005-2008) and whether the State party has developed any indicators focusing on violence and sexual abuse.
- 9. Please provide information on the factors accounting for the high number of children placed into care without an action plan as required by the Care Placement Reform. Please explain the roles and functions of the municipalities in implementing the Care Placement Reform. Please indicate whether the State party has conducted studies on the root causes of and risk factors associated with such high numbers of children, especially adolescents, being placed into out of family care.
- 10. Please provide information on any measures taken to implement inclusive education for children with disabilities and to ensure that teachers have comprehensive training in this respect.
- 11. Please provide information on specific measures taken to address child poverty throughout the State party (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), particularly information on the applicable poverty threshold, policies, programmes, monitoring mechanisms and studies on the incidence, distribution and root causes of child poverty.
- 12. Please provide information on the State party's law and practice on the granting of residence permits for child victims of trafficking who risk persecution or other maltreatment in their home countries, even where the requirements of the Aliens' Act are not satisfied.
- 13. Please indicate the circumstances under which, as provided for in the Administration of Justice Act, a child in conflict with the law may be placed in solitary confinement. Please provide information on the frequency of the use of solitary confinement with regard to children in detention facilities.
- 14. Please provide information on the rules applicable to the detention and sentencing of children in contact with the law, particularly in relation to the application of administrative detention to children between the ages of 15 and 17 years and the detention of children with adults.

Part II

In this section, the State party is invited to briefly (three pages maximum) update the information provided in its report with regard to:

- (a) New bills or laws, and their respective regulations;
- (b) New institutions (and their mandates) or institutional reforms;
- (c) Recently introduced policies, programmes and action plans and their scope;
- (d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

Part III

Data, statistics and other information, if available

- 1. Please provide, if available, statistical data for the State party, including Greenland and the Faroe Islands, (disaggregated by nationality, age, sex, ethnic origin, geographic location, and socio-economic status) on:
 - (a) Budget allocations to all social sectors covering child rights;
 - (b) The number of children living in poverty;
- (c) The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children who have been granted residence permits on humanitarian grounds and those who have been refused such permits; and
- (d) The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children detained on arrival in the State party.
- 2. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be important with regard to the implementation of the Convention.