



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

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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 Ecuador (CRC/C/OPAC/ECU/1)

**The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible *before 19 November 2009***

1. Please clarify whether the Childhood and Adolescence Code defines the term “direct participation in hostilities” in relation to children. Please clarify whether voluntary recruitment is prohibited for those aged under 18. Please quote the relevant specific sections of the Code.
2. Please provide detailed statistics on cases of recruitment of persons aged under 18 in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the administrative and legal provisions for sanctioning recruiters and protecting victims. If the statistics are not reliable, what plans does the State party have to improve them?
3. Please provide detailed information on whether Ecuador assumes extraterritorial jurisdiction in case of compulsory recruitment or involvement in hostilities of persons aged under 18 outside Ecuador, by or against an Ecuadorian citizen.
4. Please clarify whether members of the Ecuadorian armed forces receive training on the provisions of the Optional Protocol.
5. Please clarify whether education on human rights, education for peace and the provisions of the Optional Protocol are included in educational programmes.
6. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age, region, ethnic group, urban or rural areas) on the students attending military schools run or governed by the armed forces, and on their right to leave such schools at any time and not to pursue a military career. Please also explain whether the Ministry of Education controls these schools. Are the Convention and its Optional Protocols taught in these schools?
7. Please give information on measures taken for the identification, physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children arriving in Ecuador, in particular those who may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad, and provide information on the effects of armed activities in border areas

with Colombia, in the context of the Office of the Attorney-General's victim and witness protection system.

8. Please inform the Committee whether domestic legislation prohibits the sale of arms when their final destination is a country where children are known to be or could be recruited or used in hostilities.

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