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List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the third and fourth combined periodic report of Egypt (CRC/C/EGY/Q/3-4)

The State party is requested to submit in writing additional updated information, if possible before 28 March 2011.

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 its responses to the following questions within 30 pages.

1. Please provide information on practical measures undertaken to raise awareness of the Convention among the general public and among professional groups working with and for children in the State party.
2. Please provide information on progress made towards the effective implementation of the new Children's Act as amended by Act No. 126 (2008), in particular as regards the fulfilment of the rights of the girl child.
3. Please inform the Committee on the role of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood in ensuring coordination on children's rights among relevant ministries, notably among the Ministries of State for Family and Population, Interior, Foreign Affairs (Refugee Affairs Department), Education, Health, Social Solidarity, Justice, Information and Local Development.
4. Please provide information on the establishment of an independent and effective mechanism to monitor the implementation of child rights in the State party and which is empowered to receive complaints on alleged violations of children's rights.
5. With reference to the draft law on the rights of persons with disabilities, please provide information to the Committee on progress made towards the adoption of comprehensive legislation and of a national strategy on persons with disabilities which

provides for special attention to the situation and rights of children with disabilities. What steps are being taken to ensure inclusive education?

6. Please provide information on activities undertaken by the Child Rights Observatory of the National Council of Childhood and Motherhood to ensure systematic and comprehensive data collection on the enjoyment of children's rights in the State party, including information on how representatives of civil society participate in such efforts.

7. Does the amendment to the Nationality Law of 2004 (Law No. 154/2004) grant Egyptian nationality to children born to Egyptian women married to Palestinians? In particular, does the law apply retroactively, granting Egyptian nationality to children born to Egyptian women married to foreigners before the amendment?

8. Please inform the Committee on steps taken to ensure by law and in practice the rights of the child to: (a) freedom of expression; (b) freedom of association and of peaceful assembly; and (c) freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

9. Please inform the Committee whether the State party is considering to explicitly guarantee in the Children's Act the right of children to freedom from torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

10. Please provide the Committee with information on steps taken to explicitly prohibit all forms of violence against children in domestic legislation, including the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings.

11. In the light of article 18 of the Convention, please provide information on matters relating to support and childcare benefits for single-parent families, social security schemes and benefits for poor families with many children, the provision of parental education for families, and programmes and policies relating to childcare services and facilities.

12. Please provide information on steps taken to reduce the disparity in access to and availability of primary health-care services between rural and urban areas and between governorates, in particular governorates in Upper and Lower Egypt, and on practical measures undertaken to reduce the high infant and child mortality rates in rural areas of the State party.

13. Please provide information on steps taken to ensure the protection of and provision of social services for refugees and asylum-seeking children residing in the State party.

14. Please provide information on the development of alternative measures to deprivation of liberty, the establishment of specialized courts and prosecutors and the current monitoring mechanism in place with respect to children deprived of their liberty.

15. With reference to article 21 of the Children's Act, please provide information on the right of children born out of wedlock to be registered and to information about their parents.

Part II

In this section, the Committee invites the State party 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 and financing;

- (d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

Part III

Data, statistics and other information, if available

1. Please provide, if available, statistical data (disaggregated by nationality, age, sex, ethnic origin, geographic location, and socio-economic status) for the period January 2008-January 2011 on:

(a) The number of children who have been subject to torture or ill-treatment by law enforcement officers and details of any investigations and prosecutions conducted, and their outcomes;

(b) The number of convictions of medical doctors and other practitioners who have performed female genital mutilation in contravention of article 242 bis of the Criminal Code;

(c) The number of early child marriages and child victims of “tourist” or “temporary” marriages, including statistical information on any investigations and prosecutions conducted, and their outcomes;

(d) The number of children deprived of their liberty in open, semi-open and closed institutions and in prisons, as well as the number of children sentenced by the courts and the average length of imprisonment;

(e) The number of children involved in child labour, disaggregated, in addition to the above criteria, by type of economic activity/type of work, including domestic labour;

(f) Data (disaggregated by sex, age group, type of disability and geographical area) on children with disabilities.

2. Please also provide information on the number of child protection committees and sub-committees throughout the State party and their geographical location, and on the number and type of cases considered and successfully followed up and resolved by the sub-committees.

3. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be of priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.