



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

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### Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict

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

**The State Party is requested to submit additional, updated information in writing, and not exceeding 15 pages, if possible before 28 March 2011.**

*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 information on procedures in place for coordination and cooperation on issues under the Optional Protocol between the Ministry of State for Family and Population and the Ministries of Defence and Military Production, Interior, Foreign Affairs (Refugee Affairs Department), Education, Justice, and Information, as well as with the National Council for Human Rights and civil society.
2. Please provide information on efforts taken by the State party to disseminate and raise awareness of the Optional Protocol among the general public, in particular children, and relevant central and local authorities.
3. Please provide information on the inclusion of human rights, with particular emphasis on the provisions of the Optional Protocol, in training for members of the armed forces, including in pre-deployment training courses for military personnel participating in peacekeeping operations.
4. Please clarify who gives consent for children under the age of 18 who wish to volunteer into the armed forces and who are not in the care of their family, such as children in street situations, orphans, children in alternative care and other children without a family environment.
5. Please provide information on schools providing military training in the State party, including military academies, "military sport schools", and military schools under the Ministry of Education referred to in the State party report (CRC/C/OPAC/EGY/1, paras. 35-37). With respect to each category of military school, please specify:
  - (a) The number of students enrolled;
  - (b) The minimum age of entry;

- (c) The proportions of academic and military training in the curricula;
  - (d) The number of students below the age of 18 enrolled for 2008, 2009 and 2010;
  - (e) Access of students to independent complaints and investigation mechanism;
  - (f) Whether students are classified as members of the armed forces and can be called into active service in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.
6. Please also clarify whether Law No. 122 (1982), which allows for admission of children aged 11 to 15 into certain military schools, is still in force.
7. Please inform the Committee whether domestic legislation or military codes or manuals explicitly incorporate or define the concepts of “direct participation” and “hostilities”.
8. With reference to the ratification by the State party of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in 2001 and article 7 (bis)(b) of the Children’s Act (2008), please inform the Committee whether the Penal Code of the State party has been amended to explicitly prohibit and criminalize the recruitment or use of children under the age of 18 in hostilities.
9. Please provide information on whether the State party can establish extraterritorial jurisdiction for offences under the Optional Protocol.
10. In the light of article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, please provide information on procedures in place to identify at the earliest stage refugee, asylum-seeking or migrant children who may have been or who are at risk of being recruited and/or used in hostilities. Please also provide data, disaggregated by age, gender and nationality, on the number of refugee and asylum-seeking children who were returned to their country of origin during 2008, 2009 and 2010.
11. Please indicate whether national legislation, including details of any safeguards, prohibits the trade and export of arms, including small arms and light weapons, as well as military assistance to countries where children are involved in armed conflict.
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