



Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the initial report of Egypt (CRC/C/OPSC/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 statistical data (disaggregated by sex, age and urban and rural residence) for 2009 and 2010 on the number of:

(a) Reports of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with additional information on the type of action taken as a result, including the prosecution and punishment of perpetrators;

(b) Children trafficked into and out of Egypt and children trafficked within the country for the purpose of sale, prostitution or pornography as defined in article 3, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol;

(c) Child victims who have been given assistance for recovery and social reintegration or been paid compensation, in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol.

2. Please provide information on progress made in the establishment of a database on children's rights within the Child Rights Observatory and explain how data on the offences covered under the Optional Protocol are specifically integrated therein.

3. Please provide complementary data and information on the forms, scope and trends on child prostitution as defined under article 2 (b) and article 3, paragraph 1 (b), of the Optional Protocol.

4. With respect to coordination of policies and programmes for the implementation of the Optional Protocol, please clarify the role of the Ministry of State for Family and Population vis-à-vis the Ministry of Interior, notably the latter's general department for child protection and the department for the protection of public morals, which have various

responsibilities for the protection of children in areas covered under the Optional Protocol. Please also explain how the child protection committees at the governorate and district levels are included in the coordination with regard to the offences under the Optional Protocol.

5. Please inform the Committee on recent initiatives and activities aimed at systematically raising awareness and understanding among the general public about the offences under the Optional Protocol and the obligations of the State party to prevent, prohibit and combat such offences.

6. Please provide information on the budgetary allocations for the implementation of the Optional Protocol during 2007-2010 per relevant ministry, notably the Ministries of State for Family and Population, Interior (general department for child protection), Health, Social Solidarity and Local Development.

7. Please provide information on recent preventive measures adopted by the State party to protect children from becoming victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, in particular: (a) girls exposed to “summer” or “temporary” marriages to foreign men; (b) children engaged in forced domestic work; and (c) children in street situations. Please also clarify whether mechanisms exist to identify and detect children at risk of becoming victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol.

8. Please provide information on whether steps have been taken to fully harmonize domestic legislation with the Optional Protocol, notably to explicitly define and criminalize all acts and activities of sale of children – in particular forced labour and transfer of organs, in accordance with article 2 (a) and article 3, paragraph 1 (a)(i)(b. and c.), of the Optional Protocol.

9. Please inform the Committee whether the Optional Protocol can be invoked to request extradition for crimes under the Optional Protocol. Please also provide information on whether the State party can establish extraterritorial jurisdiction for offences under the Optional Protocol.

10. In the light of article 7 of the Optional Protocol, please clarify whether the domestic legislation of the State party provides for the seizure and confiscation of goods used to commit or facilitate offences under the Optional Protocol as well as the proceeds derived from such offences. Does the law specifically provide for the closure of premises?

11. Please detail measures taken by the State party to provide assistance, care, shelter and compensation to victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, apart from those specified in the State party report (CRC/C/OPSC/EGY/1, para. 141).
