

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
List of Issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of
the initial periodic report of Equatorial Guinea (CRC/C/70/Add.26)

PART I

**Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form
additional and updated information, if possible, before 5 August 2004:**

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the number and proportion of children under 18 living in the State party.

2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional disaggregated data for 2002, 2003 and 2004, on budget allocations and trends (in percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Convention, and actual expenditures in the following:

- a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
- b) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care, HIV/AIDS and other health care services for children);
- c) programmes and services for children with disabilities;
- d) support programmes for families;
- e) support for children living below the poverty line;
- f) the protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
- g) programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse, child sexual exploitation and child labour;
- h) programmes and services for street children and abandoned children;
- i) juvenile justice.

Please also indicate the percentage of these allocations derived from international cooperation and the expenses of the private sector, in particular for health and education.

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3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural) for the years 2001, 2002, 2003 on the number of children:

- a) separated from their parents;
- b) placed in institutions;
- c) placed with foster families;
- d) street children;
- e) adopted domestically or through inter-country adoptions.

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by age, gender and if possible ethnic groups, covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003:

- a) living with their families;
- b) in institutions;
- c) attending regular schools; and
- d) attending special schools;
- e) not attending schools.

5. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, gender, ethnic groups and types of violations reported) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the:

- a) number of individual complaints received per year in the last three years;
- b) number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up.
- c) number and proportion of victims that have received counseling and assistance in recovery.

6. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age, ethnic groups, urban and rural) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:

- a) the enrolment and completion rates in percentages of the relevant group in pre-primary schools, in primary schools and in secondary schools;
- b) direct and indirect cost of primary and secondary education;
- c) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions;
- d) ratio teacher per children;
- e) measures taken to reduce the cost of education per pupil;
- f) measures taken to increase the training of teachers.

7. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age, ethnic group, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:

- a) adolescent health, including early pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs);
- b) children affected by HIV/AIDS;
- c) mental health and suicide;
- d) drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse;
- e) rates of infant and child mortality;
- f) rates of immunization;
- g) rates of malnutrition;
- h) number of health professionals working in the health care services for children.

8. Please provide appropriate disaggregated data (including by gender, age and type of crime) covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, in particular on the number of:

- a) persons below 18 who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
- b) persons between 16 and 18 who have been sentenced and type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
- c) persons below 18 detained in adult facilities;
- d) persons below 18 kept in pre-trial detention and the average length of their detention.

9. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by gender, age, urban/rural areas) per year covering the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 on:

- a) the number of children victims of sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking;
- b) the number of persons under 18 years serving in the armed forces;
- c) the number of children victims of sexual exploitation who received rehabilitation treatments;
- d) the number of children involved in child labour;
- e) unaccompanied, refugee and displaced children.

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. Please provide information on the concrete measures taken to review existing legislation in order to make it fully compatible with the provisions and principles of the Convention. Please indicate measures taken to ensure full compatibility between customary law and the principles and provisions of the Convention. Please also provide information on the concrete measures taken to enforce existing legislation relating to the protection of children rights and to disseminate the Convention and the principles established in it.

2. Please provide information on the Status of the Convention in domestic law. Please also indicate if the Convention on the Rights of the Child can be invoked directly in domestic courts and, if so, please provide examples.

3. Please provide updated information on mechanisms to coordinate policies and programmes on children's rights, including services for children.

4. Please provide information on the consideration given to the creation of an independent monitoring body, such as a National Human Rights Institution.

5. Please provide information on the mandate, human and financial resources and functioning of the National Children's Rights Committee and the Ministries and governmental departments with responsibilities in areas covered by the Convention, mentioned in para. 19 of the State party report.

7. Please provide information on the data and statistic collection system and specify whether it covers all persons below 18 and all areas referred to in the Convention.

8. Please provide information on activities of NGOs and cooperation with the government.

9. Please provide information on efforts to provide training, awareness and information on the Convention and on human rights in general.

10. Please indicate the issues affecting children that the State party considers to be priorities requiring the most urgent attention with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

Part II

Please provide the Committee with copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.

Part III

Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) up-date the information provided in its report with regard to:

- **New bills or enacted legislation**
- **New institutions**
- **Newly implemented policies**
- **Newly implemented programmes and projects and their scope.**

Part IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues (that does not contain issues already covered in Part I) that the Committee may take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written answers. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. The enforcement of legislation relating to children rights.
2. The measures taken to disseminate the principles recognized in the Convention.
3. General principles of the Convention (articles 2, 3, 6 and 12), including their practical implementation by social welfare institutions, courts of law and administrative authorities.
4. Child poverty and inequalities, in the context of economic reform and restructuring, and new perspectives.
5. Violence against children, including corporal punishment.
6. Child abuse and neglect.
7. Children with disabilities.
8. Health, including access to safe water and HIV/AIDS.
9. Adolescent health.
10. Education system.
11. Child labour.
12. Sexual exploitation and trafficking.
13. Children in conflict with the law.