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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 third periodic report of ERITREA (CRC/C/ERI/3)**

PART I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 31 March 2008.

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on the number and percentage of children under 18 living in Eritrea
2. In the light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide disaggregated data on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures and percentages of the national and regional budgets) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 regarding the implementation of the Convention, evaluating also the priorities for budgetary expenditures given to the following:
 - (a) Education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary, secondary education and non-formal or complementary education for children out of school);
 - (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, including social insurance);
 - (c) Programmes and services for children with disabilities;

- (d) Support programmes for families;
 - (e) Support for children living below the poverty line;
 - (f) 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 children belonging to minorities;
 - (i) Programmes and services for orphans, abandoned children and street children;
 - (j) Juvenile justice and the reintegration of juvenile offenders; and
 - (k) Programmes providing the necessary services and support for children victims of armed conflicts.
3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, if possible ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on the number of children:
- (a) Separated from their parents;
 - (b) Placed in institutions;
 - (c) Placed with foster families; and
 - (d) Adopted domestically or through intercountry adoptions.
4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, up to the age of 18, disaggregated by sex, age groups and, if possible, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas, covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007:
- (a) Living with their families;
 - (b) Living in institutions;
 - (c) Placed with foster care;
 - (d) Attending regular schools;
 - (e) Attending special schools; and
 - (f) Not attending schools.
5. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, if possible ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007:

- (a) Rates of neonatal, infant and child mortality;
 - (b) Rates of immunization;
 - (c) Rates of malnutrition;
 - (d) Adolescent health, including early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and mental health.
 - (e) Maternal mortality
6. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, sex, if possible ethnic groups and types of child abuse reported) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on the:
- (a) Number of reported child abuse cases;
 - (b) Number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up; and
 - (c) Number and proportion of child victims who have received counselling and assistance in recovery.
7. With reference to the right to education, please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas, immigrant children) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 in percentage of the relevant age group on the:
- (a) Rates of literacy, below and over 18 years;
 - (b) Rate of enrolment in pre-primary schools, primary schools, secondary schools and in non-formal or complementary education programmes;
 - (c) Percentage of children completing primary and secondary education;
 - (d) Number and percentage of dropouts and repetitions; and
 - (e) Ratio of teacher per children and number of children per class.
8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) on drug use and alcohol, tobacco and other substance abuse for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007.
9. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) on the number of children:
- (a) Infected by HIV/AIDS;
 - (b) Affected by HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) Heading households due to HIV/AIDS; and

- (d) Orphans of HIV/AIDS living in extended families or institutions.
10. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age and type of crime) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007, in particular on the number of:
- (a) Persons below 18, who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
 - (b) Persons below 18 who have been charged with a crime and of them those who have been sentenced, and the type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
 - (c) Detention facilities for persons below 18 in conflict with law and their capacity;
 - (d) Persons below 18 detained in these facilities and persons below 18 detained in adult facilities;
 - (e) Persons below 18 kept in pre-trial detention and the average length of their detention;
 - (f) Reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons below 18 occurred during their arrest and detention;
 - (g) Persons below 18 tried and sentenced as adults.
11. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by sex, age, if possible ethnic group, urban and rural areas) for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on the number of children:
- (a) Victims of sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking and the number of children provided with access to recovery and other assistance;
 - (b) Involved in substance abuse and the number of children who received treatment and rehabilitative assistance;
 - (c) Involved in child labour;
 - (d) Internally displaced; and
 - (e) Unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee.
12. Please provide statistical data (disaggregated by sex, age, and ethnic group) of children:
- (a) Demobilized from armed groups;
 - (b) Victims of land mines;
 - (c) Who received counselling services; and
 - (d) Reunited with their families and/or integrated within their communities.

B. General measures of implementation

1. The Committee would appreciate to receive information on activities meant to implement recommendations contained in the Committee's previous concluding observations on the second report of Eritrea (CRC/C/15/add.204) which have not yet been fully implemented, in particular regarding paragraphs on legislation, coordination, national plan of action, independent monitoring, definition of the child, freedom of expression, education, children in armed conflict, street children and administration of juvenile justice.
2. Please provide more information on the efforts undertaken by the State party to further harmonize domestic law with the provisions and principles of the Convention and provide information on results of the Child Law Committee in this regard.
3. Please clarify which Government authority has overall responsibility to coordinate implementation of the Convention in the country and include information on its mandate, financial and human resources.
4. Please inform the Committee whether a National Plan of Action for Children is currently in force and how it is being implemented. Please also indicate which measures have been undertaken to evaluate the National Programme of Action on Children which covered 2002-2006 and how previous shortcomings have been addressed.
5. Please provide information on cases, if any, where the Convention has been directly invoked in domestic courts, and if so, please provide examples of such cases.
6. Please provide information on any progress towards the creation of an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
7. Please advise the Committee of the regulations applicable to the work of international and national non-governmental organizations and the extent of State party cooperation with these organizations.
8. Please inform the Committee of the measures taken by the State party at the central level to ensure the implementation without discrimination of the rights of the child as stipulated in the Convention, regardless of local and customary practices.
9. Please inform the Committee of measures taken to criminalize female genital mutilation (FGM) and other traditional practices, such as early marriages. Please also provide information regarding the implementation of the national plan of action to combat FGM, mentioned in paragraph 217 of the State party report (CRC/C/41/Add.12).
10. Please provide updated information on efforts made to provide training, awareness on the Convention and on human rights in general, to children, parents, teachers, social workers and other professionals working with and for children.
11. 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 (three pages maximum) update 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 course of the dialogue.

1. Legislation
2. Coordination and National Plan of Action
3. Resource allocation
4. Cooperation with civil society
5. Non-discrimination
6. Respect for the views of the child.
7. Torture and corporal punishment.
8. Freedom of expression and freedom of religion
9. Child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence
10. Alternative care, adoption and family reunification
11. HIV/Aids
12. Adolescent health

13. Education
14. Internally displaced and refugee children
15. Children affected by armed conflict
16. Economic exploitation, child labour and street children
17. Sexual exploitation and trafficking
18. Administration of juvenile justice
