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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of FRANCE (CRC/C/OPSC/FRA/1)

The State party is requested to submit <u>in written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, before 6 August 2007.

- 1. Please indicate any new legislative developments that have occurred since the submission of the State party's report.
- 2. Please provide, if available, disaggregated data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 on:
 - (a) the number of reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with additional information on type of follow-up provided on the outcome of the cases, including prosecution, withdrawals and sanctions for perpetrators;
 - (b) the number of children placed in airport waiting zones, the number of cases handled, and the number of these children that have been victims of economic or sexual exploitation;
 - (c) the number of children trafficked to and from France ,as well as trafficked within the country;
 - (d) the number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation as defined in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Protocol.

- 3. Please provide updated information on measures taken and budget allocated to ensure the full implementation of the new legal provisions concerning the protection of childhood, and the domestication of the Council of Europe's decision of 22 December 2003_[CGI] relating to the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. Also indicate the implications and consequences of the fact that children related issues now fall under the competence of the Ministry of Labour, Social Relations and Solidarity.
- 4. Please indicate whether there is a specific government body responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the Optional Protocol. Clarify also the competence of the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Employment (which is in charge of tourism, and therefore sexual exploitation of children in tourism) and that of the Ministry of Labour, Social Relations and Solidarity.
- 5. Please inform the Committee about measures adopted to detect and investigate cases of trafficking, sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
- 6. Please provide more detailed information on measures for the protection against all acts, covered by article 3 of the Optional Protocol, of children residing in institutions such as orphanages, boarding schools and similar settings.
- 7. Please provide information on the rules and practices concerning the protection of child victims of sexual exploitation who have to testify in criminal cases. Please indicate in particular whether the State party intends to establish specialized units in courts so as to facilitate the care for child victims in a multidisciplinary manner. Please also inform the Committee whether the State party intends to provide judges and other relevant professionals with specialized training to enable them to identify and deal with mistreatment of children, especially sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
- 8. Please provide the Committee with information on social reintegration assistance, as well as physical and psychosocial recovery measures available for victims of offences covered by the Protocol, and the State budget allocations for this purpose.
- 9. Please provide detailed information on the procedure in the waiting zones of French airports with regard to children. Indicate whether the principle of the best interests of the child is taken into account in this procedure.
- 10. Please inform the Committee whether special training, particularly legal and psychological training, is provided to persons working with the social reintegration and physical and psychological recovery of child victims.
