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List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of KYRGYZSTAN (CRC/C/OPAC/KGZ/1)

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 24 November 2006</u>.

- 1. Please indicate whether there is any legal provision, which prohibits the involvement in hostilities of a person under the age of 18.
- 2. Please provide disaggregated data by age and sex on the number of children under 18 pursuing their studies at a military academy. Furthermore, please provide details of the school curricula and the age at which practice with weapons begins. In addition, please provide information on the percentage of graduates who join the armed forces.
- 3. Please provide information on any complaints and investigation mechanisms that are available for children attending military academy, and on how frequently such mechanisms are used.
- 4. Please provide information on programmes/activities including on budget and staff for children arriving in Kyrgyzstan (with or without parents/relatives) from countries with (current or recent) armed conflicts. How many child victims of armed conflicts outside of Kyrgyzstan have benefited from these programmes?
- 5. Please provide information on the competent governmental departments or bodies responsible for the implementation of the Optional Protocol and their coordination with regional and local authorities as well as with civil society. Please also indicate if there is any mechanism available for monitoring and periodically evaluating its implementation.
