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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 second periodic report of the Qatar (CRC/C/QAT/2)

PART I

Under this section the State Party is requested to submit in <u>written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 3 August 2009.</u>

- 1. Please provide, with regard to the harmonization of national legislation with the provisions of Convention, a brief update on the legislative process and in particular the current status of the Children's Bill.
- Please indicate whether the Convention on the Rights of the Child has been invoked or referred to directly in domestic courts, and if so please provide examples of such cases.
- 3. Please provide further information on progress made towards the adoption of the National Strategy for Children 2008-2013, referred to in paragraph 26 of the State party's report.
- 4. Please briefly inform the Committee on the composition, human and financial resources of the National Human Rights Committee and indicate whether it has a specific unit dealing with children's rights.

- 5. Please provide updated information on the policies and programmes adopted and implemented to promote the right of the child to express views and those views being given due weight.
- 6. Please briefly inform the Committee on the steps taken following the Committee's concluding observations on the reports submitted under the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (CRC/C/OPSC/QAT/CO/1) and on the involvement of children in armed conflict (CRC/C/OPAC/QAT/CO/1).
- 7. Please provide updated information on the cooperation between the State party and the national and international communities, including non-governmental organizations, in the efforts to implement the Convention.
- 8. Please provide updated information on efforts made to disseminate the Convention, the State party report and previous concluding observations of the Committee.
- 9. 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

Under this section, the State Party is invited 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 plans of action, programmes and projects and their scope.

PART III Data and statistics, if available

- 1. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide updated data on budget allocations (in absolute figures and percentages of the national and regional budgets) and analysis of trends for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009 regarding the implementation of the Convention in the areas of education, health, social services and child protection.
- 2. Please provide data covering the last three years on the number of children used in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking, and the

- number of those children who were provided access to recovery and social reintegration services, specifying the type of services.
- 3. Please list studies, assessments and surveys undertaken by the State party in the last three years on issues of priority concern to the implementation of the Convention

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. Consistent definition of the child.
- 2. Non-discrimination, in particular with respect to children with disabilities, children without parental care, migrant children.
- 3. Respect for the views of the child.
- 4. Right to nationality.
- 5. Child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.
- 6. Corporal punishment in the family, schools and other institutions and settings.
- 7. Children with disabilities, inclusion in society and access to facilities.
- 8. Adolescent and mental health.
- 9. Education, vocation and technical education.
- 10. Trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and attention for victims, availability of data.
- 11. Economic exploitation, including child labour and its worst forms.
- 12. Children of migrant workers.
- 13. Administration of juvenile justice, including the minimum age of criminal responsibility, alternatives for detention, both pre-trial and as a sentencing option, and recovery and social reintegration.
