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second periodic report of THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
(CRC/C/136/Add.1)**

PART I

**Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form
additional and updated information, if possible, before 5 August 2005.**

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the number and percentage of children under 18 living in Saudi Arabia.
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 2003, 2004 and 2005 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 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, including social insurance);

(c) programmes and services for children with disabilities;

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(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 abandoned children, including street children; and

(j) juvenile justice and the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

Please also indicate the estimated expenses of the private sector, in particular for health and education.

3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, if possible ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the number of children:

(a) separated from their parents;

(b) placed in institutions;

(c) placed with foster families.

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, up to the age of 18, disaggregated by gender, age groups and, if possible, ethnic groups, urban and rural areas, covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004:

(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 gender, age groups, if possible ethnic groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004:

- (a) rates of infant and child mortality;
 - (b) rates of immunization;
 - (c) rates of malnutrition;
 - (d) children infected with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS;
 - (e) adolescent health, including early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), mental health and suicide; and
- (f) number of health professionals working in the health-care services for children.

6. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, gender, if possible ethnic groups and types of child abuse reported) covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 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 that have received counselling and assistance in recovery.

7. With reference to the right to education, please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age groups, if possible ethnic groups, urban and rural areas, immigrant children) covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 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 and in secondary schools;

(c) percentage of children completing primary and secondary education;

(d) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions; and

(e) ratio teacher per children and number of children per class.

8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by gender, age and type of crime) covering the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, 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 are 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 under 18 tried and sentenced as adults.

9. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by gender, age, if possible ethnic group, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the number of children:

(a) involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking and the number of children provided with access to recovery and other assistance;

(b) involved in child labour; and

(c) unaccompanied asylum-seeking, refugee and displaced children.

B. General measures of implementation

1. The Committee would appreciate to receive detailed information on activities meant to implement recommendations contained in the Committee's previous concluding observations (CRC/C/15/Add.148 of 22 February 2001) on the initial report of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (CRC/C/61/Add.2), which have not yet been fully implemented, in particular those related to the reservation and domestic legislation (paras. 7-8 and 9-10), the definition of the child (paras. 21-22), the right to non-discrimination (paras. 23-24), the right to life (paras. 27-28), respect for the views of the child (paras. 29-30), the freedom of religion (paras. 31-32), protection from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (paras. 33-34), violence, abuse, neglect and maltreatment (paras. 35-36), education (paras. 39-40) and the administration of juvenile justice (paras. 41-42), etc.

Please explain the obstacles to implementation and how the State party envisages overcoming them.

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.

3. 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.

4. Please provide information on the project of the Saudi National Commission for Child Welfare to prepare a comprehensive guide to the Kingdom's statutes and legislation on children.

5. Please provide information at the disposal of the State party on the setting up of a permanent and independent mechanism with the mandate to monitor and evaluate the progress of the implementation of the Convention, such as a national human rights institution or an ombudsman.

6. Please describe measures undertaken to strengthen data and statistics collection mechanisms and procedures with regard to the implementation of all provisions of the Convention.

7. Please provide information on the plans to establish a data information centre in collaboration with UNICEF that would reflect the provisions of the Convention.

8. Please provide information on whether a new National Plan of Action for Children has been developed and whether it covers all areas of the Convention and takes into account the objectives and goals of the outcome document entitled "A World Fit for Children" of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children in 2002.

9. Please provide information on the establishment and activities of the National Society of Human Rights (NSHR) particularly related to the implementation of the Convention. Furthermore, please indicate how the independence of the National Society is ensured, in the light of the Paris Principles (General Assembly resolution 48/134, annex).

10. Please provide updated information on efforts to disseminate the Convention, the State party report and the previous concluding observations of the Committee (CRC/C/15/Add.148).

11. 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.

12. Please provide updated information on the cooperation between the State party and the international community including non-governmental organizations, in the efforts to implement the Convention.

13. 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 or 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) 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. The enforcement of domestic legislation relating to the rights of the child.
2. Definition of the child, including the age of majority.
3. Non-discrimination in general and in particular discrimination against girls, children with disabilities, children living in poverty, children born out of wedlock, children of migrant workers, children belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, children in conflict with the law, and children living in rural areas.
4. Right to life, survival and development.
5. Respect for the views of the child.
6. Violence against children, including domestic violence and violence against women, corporal punishment in the family, schools and other institutions.
7. Parental responsibilities and adoption.
8. The situation of children with disabilities, access to social and health services, equal opportunities to education, recovery and recreation, public attitudes towards children with disabilities.
9. The health status of children and their access to adequate social and health services.
10. Adolescent health concerns and reproductive health issues, mental health-care services.
11. Educational system, including equal access to education by all children, free primary education, literacy, drop-out rates, schooling facilities, enrolment in secondary education.
12. The children of migrant workers, their right to equal treatment and access to social and health services and to education.
13. Economic exploitation, including child domestic labour.
14. Sexual exploitation
15. Trafficking and sale of children.

16. Administration of juvenile justice, inter alia, imposition and execution of all forms of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, alternatives for (pre-trial) detention, adequate legislation, rehabilitation and social reintegration services.



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