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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 Tajikistan**

**Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and
updated information, if possible before 19 November 2009.**

1. Please provide information as to whether there has been any attempt to unify the existing laws and regulations in the area of children's rights into a single code.
2. Please provide information on the mechanisms to monitor and review the implementation of the National Plan of Action on the rights of the child for 2003-2010. Please indicate what resources are available for its implementation.
3. Please provide information on the status of the Commission on the Rights of the Child mentioned in the State party's report. How does it coordinate its activities with other institutions working on the rights of children at central and local levels? Does it have authority and resources to carry out its coordination role?
4. Please provide information on the share of the budget allocations specifically directed at children's rights, especially at disadvantaged children such as children living in care institutions, children in regions of the country which are lagging behind in socio-economic development, internally displaced, refugee and asylum-seeking children and children of families living in rural areas. Please inform the Committee whether there have been any efforts to ensure more transparency in expenditures, especially at local levels. How is it coordinated?

5. Please provide information on progress in the collection and analysis of disaggregated data (by sex, age, region) for persons under 18 years of age relating to the rights contained in the Convention.
6. Please provide information on the measures taken to reduce increasing gender disparities among children, especially in education and to encourage the school attendance of girls, particularly in rural areas.
7. Please indicate if there are any State funded training programmes for the law enforcement personnel to prevent ill-treatment of children, particularly children in vulnerable situations, in addition to the programmes financed by non-governmental and international organizations.
8. Please provide information on the measures taken to prevent all forms of physical, psychological and sexual violence against children. Have there been awareness-raising campaigns on violence against children in other regions of Tajikistan, besides the Nurabad region? Has there been any progress in adopting a unified law against corporal punishment? What is the legal framework to protect the rights of children who are at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation?
9. Please indicate which activities are undertaken in the context of de-institutionalization measures mentioned by the State party. Please also provide information on the outcomes of the pilot projects indicated in the State party's report. Please indicate measures taken to improve the conditions in care institutions and to monitor them regularly.
10. Please inform the Committee on the measures taken to improve the national adoption standards, in particular in relation to adoptive family screening.
11. Please inform whether there is any progress in decreasing the level of institutionalization of children with disabilities as well as if there is any improvement of the conditions in State-run institutions for children with disabilities. What are the concrete results of the research carried out by the experts group working on the rights of children with disabilities within the Commission on the Rights of the Child? What are the guarantees to provide children with disabilities with access to mainstream schools?
12. Please provide information on the measures taken to develop community-based child mental health services.
13. Please provide information on the measures taken to provide access to quality medical services and access to medical establishments by children who live in remote areas. Please provide information on the measures taken to address adolescent reproductive health and to combat high levels of malnutrition.
14. Please inform if there has been any progress in publishing school books in minority languages.

15. Please provide information about the results of the nation-wide survey on child labour indicated in the State party's report. What impact did it have to prevent child labour, especially in informal sectors and under hazardous conditions in agriculture, particularly in cotton fields? Please provide information on the legal framework prohibiting child labour.

16. Please provide information on the types of reforms that are planned by the Government of Tajikistan in the area of juvenile justice and on the progress in the work of the experts group on juvenile justice. What measures have been taken to expand and sustain the appointment of judges on juvenile justice?

17. 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; and
- Newly implemented plans of action, programmes and projects, and their scope.

PART III

Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide updated data on budget allocations for children for 2007, 2008 and 2009 on education, health, social services and child protection. Please elaborate on the impact of the financial crisis on the resources allocated for children.

2. Please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age, region) on enrolment, attendance and dropouts from primary school.

3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from their parents, please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2007 and 2008 on the number of children:

- (a) Separated from their parents;
- (b) Placed in institutions (give the number of institutions in the country);
- (c) Placed with foster families.

4. Please provide data on the number of children involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution and pornography, and the number of those children who were provided access to recovery and social reintegration services. Please also provide data on the number of investigations, prosecution and punishment of the perpetrators.

5. Please provide statistics on the number of children deprived of their liberty, disaggregated by provinces and regions, by age, sex and type of institution they are detained in. Please provide data on penalties imposed on children deprived of their liberty.
6. Please provide disaggregated data on the number of children with disabilities in care institutions (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas).

PART IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues (which 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. Discrimination against children with disabilities and HIV infected children.
2. Best interests of the child and respect for the views of the child.
3. Polygamy and its impact on children.
4. Children born outside legal marriages and not recognized by their fathers.
5. Psycho-social support to families.
6. Consequences of the civil war and its impact on children.
7. Consequence of the economic crisis on children and their families.
8. Poverty and its impact on children.
9. Adequate standards of living, including lack of power supply.
10. Refugee children and their access to social services.
11. Economic exploitation, including child labour.
12. Juvenile justice.
