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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 Timor-Leste (CRC/C/OPSC/TLS/1)

The State party is requested to submit <u>in written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 23 November 2007</u>.

1. Please clarify the competence of the Ministry of Labour and Community Reinsertion, the Immigration and Police agencies, the National Commission for the Rights of the Child and other government entities with regard to the implementation of the Optional Protocol, and indicate whether any specific government body is responsible for its coordination.

2. Please provide information on plans and measures to publicize and promote the Optional Protocol through awareness-raising among the public at large in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2.

3. Please inform the Committee about measures adopted to detect and investigate cases of trafficking, sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Please provide information on the follow-up and action taken on reported cases of sale of children as noted in the State party's report (para. 9).

4. Please inform the Committee whether the State party's obligation to criminalize all acts and activities listed in paragraph 3 of the Optional Protocol has been fully taken into account in drafting the Penal Code. Please provide the Committee with the text of the draft Penal Code.

5. Please inform the Committee whether efforts have been made to address the problem of child prostitution identified in the State party's report.

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6. Please inform the Committee on efforts taken to put into place appropriate legislation and mechanisms to survey commercial outlets, street vendors and border entry points.

7. Please provide information on the status of the operating procedures on human trafficking drafted by the joint Trafficking Working Group in 2004, and on the inclusion of specific provisions for children in these procedures. Please also inform the Committee whether the national plan of action on human trafficking, the development of which was urged by the Working Group, has been elaborated.

8. Please provide more detailed information on measures taken for the protection of children residing in institutions such as orphanages and boarding schools as well as in the internally displaced persons (IDP) camps against acts covered by article 3 of the Optional Protocol.

9. Please update the information provided on plans and programmes to improve the protection of child victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking within the court system.

10. Please provide information on abuses committed against children, including by non-citizens, peacekeeping and international personnel, and on the investigation, prosecution and conviction relating to such acts, as well as on compensation provided to the victims.

11. Please provide the Committee with information on any social reintegration assistance or physical and psychosocial recovery measures available for victims of offences covered by the Optional Protocol, and on measures to increase the number of, and provide special training to, persons working in the area of social reintegration and physical and psychological recovery of child victims?
