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

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 24 November 2008.</u>

- 1. Please inform the Committee on whether the State party has legislation criminalizing the recruitment and involvement of children in hostilities that are contrary to the Optional Protocol.
- 2. Please inform the Committee on any measures taken by the State party to verify the age of volunteers.
- 3. Please provide detailed information as to whether the State party assumes extraterritorial jurisdiction over the war crime of conscripting or enlisting children under the age of 15 into the armed forces, or using them to participate actively in hostilities. Also in relation to extraterritorial jurisdiction, please indicate whether Tunisian courts have jurisdiction in cases of forced recruitment or involvement in hostilities of a person under 18 if committed outside Tunisia, by or against a Tunisian.
- 4. Please provide disaggregated data (including by sex, age and country of origin) covering the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on the number of asylum-seeking and migrant children entering Tunisia from areas where they may have been recruited or used in hostilities. Furthermore, please also provide information on measures adopted

with regard to the physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of these children.

- 5. Please inform the Committee on any measure taken to prevent the enrolment of children in terrorist groups, including those operating in neighbouring countries.
- 6. Please provide further information on existing bilateral or multilateral programmes of technical cooperation and financial assistance entered into by the State party to provide assistance for the implementation of the Optional Protocol.
- 7. Please inform the Committee whether national legislation prohibits the sale of arms when the final destination is a country where children are known to be, or may potentially be, recruited or used in hostilities.
