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COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
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### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 27 January 2006. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 9 January at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-first session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its forty-first session.
5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 7 October 2005.

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Submission of reports by States parties.
4. Consideration of reports of States parties.
5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.
6. Methods of work of the Committee.
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## Annotations

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

### Item 2. Organizational matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties

#### Reports received

3. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-first session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial report:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Congo	1995	CRC/C/COG/1
Kiribati	1998	CRC/C/KIR/1
Samoa	1996	CRC/C/WSM/1

4. The Secretary-General has also received the following second periodic reports, in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the forty-first session:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Senegal	1997	CRC/C/SEN/2
Ireland	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.16
Suriname	2000	CRC/C/SUR/2
Mali	1997	CRC/C/MLI/2
Kenya	1997	CRC/C/KEN/2

5. The Secretary-General has also received the following third periodic reports:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Chile	2002	CRC/C/CHL/3

6. The Secretary-General has also received the following initial reports under the Convention's Optional Protocols, in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the forty-first session.

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the involvement  
of children in armed conflict**

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Kazakhstan	2005	CRC/C/OPAC/KAZ/1
Malta	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/MLT/1
Viet Nam	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/VNM/1
Costa Rica	2005	CRC/C/OPAC/CRI/1

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the sale of children,  
child prostitution and child pornography**

<u>State party</u>	<u>Due in</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Denmark	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/DNK/1
Syrian Arab Republic	2005	CRC/C/OPSA/SYR/1
Viet Nam	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/VNM/1

**Overdue reports due**

7. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. The full list of initial and periodic reports due under the Convention and the initial reports due under the Optional Protocols can be found in the document on the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/41/2). This document also indicates exceptional measures granted by the Committee to States parties that are encountering problems in complying with the strict time frame for submission of reports established by the Convention in article 44, paragraph 1, or the consideration of whose reports has been delayed. These recommendations apply as exceptional measures taken for one time only.

**Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties**

8. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the forty-first session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

**Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Chamber A</u>	<u>Chamber B</u>
Monday, 9 January 2006	3 p.m.	4	Switzerland OPAC	Bangladesh OPAC
Wednesday, 11 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Kazakhstan OPSA	Morocco OPSA
Thursday, 12 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Peru third	Closed meeting
	3 p.m.	4	Peru third ( <u>continued</u> )	Closed meeting

Friday, 13 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Ghana second	Liechtenstein second
	3 p.m.	4	Ghana second ( <u>continued</u> )	Liechtenstein second ( <u>continued</u> )
Monday, 16 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Andorra OPSA and OPAC	Trinidad and Tobago second
	3 p.m.	10	Andorra OPSA and OPAC ( <u>continued</u> )	Trinidad and Tobago second ( <u>continued</u> )
Wednesday, 18 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Hungary second	Lithuania second
	3 p.m.	4	Hungary second ( <u>continued</u> )	Lithuania second ( <u>continued</u> )
Thursday, 19 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Azerbaijan second	Mauritius second
	3 p.m.	4	Azerbaijan second ( <u>continued</u> )	Mauritius second ( <u>continued</u> )
Tuesday 24 January 2006	10 a.m.	4	Saudi Arabia second	Thailand second
	3 p.m.	4	Saudi Arabia second ( <u>continued</u> )	Thailand second ( <u>continued</u> )

9. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information. Pursuant to the Committee's decision No. 8 adopted at its thirty-ninth session in June 2005, States parties that are not facing serious difficulties in respecting and implementing the provisions enshrined in the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict will be offered the choice of a technical review or consideration at a regular session.

10. In light of articles 44 and 45 of the Convention, the Committee will adopt concluding observations and recommendations for all States parties considered at its forty-first session during its last meeting, scheduled to take place on 27 January 2006 at the Palais Wilson, Geneva. Representatives of the 15 States parties whose reports are scheduled to be considered at this session are invited to attend this public meeting. Representatives of other States parties, United Nations agencies and bodies and all other competent bodies and observers are also invited to attend this meeting.

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the forty-first session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

**Item 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies,  
specialized agencies and other competent bodies**

12. Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

**Item 6. Methods of work of the Committee**

13. Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

14. The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to twenty-ninth sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.10).

**Item 7. General comments**

15. Under this item, the Committee will pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

**Item 8. Biennial report to the General Assembly**

16. Under this item the Committee will consider and adopt its biennial report to the General Assembly.

**Item 9. Future meetings**

173. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

**Item 10. Other matters**

18. Under this item, members will discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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