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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-second session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 May to 2 June 2006. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 15 May 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-second 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-second 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 30 January to 2 February 2006.

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.
7. General comments.
8. Future meetings.
9. Other matters.

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-second session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the forty-first session, document CRC/C/41/1, the Secretary-General has received the following initial report:

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Swaziland | 5 October 1997 | CRC/C/SWZ/1 |

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

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Maldives | March 1998 | CRC/C/MDV/2 |

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

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Honduras | September 2002 | CRC/C/HND/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-second 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> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Monaco | February 2004 | CRC/C/OPAC/MCO/1 |
| Norway | October 2005 | CRC/C/OPAC/NOR/1 |
| Sweden | March 2005 | CRC/C/OPAC/SWE/1 |
| Kyrgyzstan | September 2005 | CRC/C/OPAC/KGZ/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> |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bangladesh | January 2004 | CRC/C/OPSC/BGD/1 |
| Costa Rica | May 2004 | CRC/C/OPSC/CRI/1 |
| Kyrgyzstan | March 2005 | CRC/C/OPSC/KGZ/1 |
| Sudan | December 2004 | CRC/C/OPSC/SDN/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/42/2). 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-second 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 15 May 2006 | 3 p.m. | 4 | El Salvador OPAC | Belgium OPAC (closed meeting - technical review) |
| Tuesday, 16 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Latvia second | Colombia third |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Latvia (<i>continued</i>) | Colombia (<i>continued</i>) |
| Wednesday, 17 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Canada OPAC (closed meeting - technical review) | Turkey OPSC |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Czech Republic OPAC (closed meeting - technical review) | Qatar OPSC |
| Friday, 19 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Uzbekistan second | Tanzania second |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Uzbekistan second (<i>continued</i>) | Tanzania second (<i>continued</i>) |
| Tuesday, 23 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Marshall Islands second | Mexico third |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Marshall Islands second (<i>continued</i>) | Mexico third (<i>continued</i>) |
| Wednesday, 24 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Lebanon third | Turkmenistan initial |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Lebanon third (<i>continued</i>) | Turkmenistan initial (<i>continued</i>) |
| Friday, 26 May 2006 | 10 a.m. | 4 | Iceland OPSC and OPAC | Italy OPSC and OPAC |
| | 3 p.m. | 4 | Iceland OPSC and OPAC (<i>continued</i>) | Italy OPSC and OPAC (<i>continued</i>) |
| Friday, 2 June 2006 | 11.45 a.m. | 4 | Public meeting - closing of the session | |

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 (written procedure) or a regular consideration in dialogue with the Committee.

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-second session during its last meeting, scheduled to take place on 2 June 2006 at the Palais Wilson, Geneva. Representatives of the 16 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-second 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.

Item 7. General comments

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

Item 8. Future meetings

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

Item 9. Other matters

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