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Forty-fifth session

Geneva, 21 May – 8 June 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-fifth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 May to 8 June 2007. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 21 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-fifth 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-fifth 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 5 to 9 February 2007.

Provisional agenda

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of officers.
4. Organizational matters.
5. Submission of reports by States parties.
6. Consideration of reports of States parties.
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8. Methods of work of the Committee.
9. General comments.
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Annotations

Item 1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

1. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the newly elected members of the Committee will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. 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 3. Election of officers

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members officers of the Committee for a term of two years.

Item 4. Organizational matters

4. 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 5. Submission of reports by States parties

Reports received

5. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fifth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session, document CRC/C/44/1, the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

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<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Venezuela, second	October 1997	CRC/C/VEN/2
Georgia, third	July 2006	CRC/C/GEO/3
Dominican Republic, second	July 1998	CRC/C/DOM/2
Timor-Leste, initial	April 2005	CRC/C/TLS/1

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Germany, initial	January 2007	CRC/C/OPAC/DEU/1
Kuwait, initial	September 2006	CRC/C/OPAC/KWT/1
Chile, initial	August 2005	CRC/C/OPAC/CHL/1
Timor-Leste, initial	September 2006	CRC/C/OPAC/TLS/1

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Bulgaria, initial	March 2004	CRC/C/OPSC/BGR/1
Kuwait, initial	September 2006	CRC/C/OPSC/KWT/1
Chile, initial	March 2005	CRC/C/OPSC/CHL/1
Timor-Leste, initial	May 2005	CRC/C/OPSC/TLS/1

Overdue reports due

6. 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/45/2). 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 6. Consideration of reports of States parties

7. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the forty-fifth 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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Report</i>
Tuesday, 22 May 2007	11 a.m.	6	Slovakia, second
	3 p.m.	6	Slovakia, second (cont.)
Wednesday, 23 May 2007	10 a.m.	6	Maldives, second and third
	3 p.m.	6	Maldives, second and third (cont.)
Thursday, 24 May 2007	10 a.m.	6	Uruguay, second
	3 p.m.	6	Uruguay, second (cont.)
Friday, 25 May 2007	10 a.m.	6	Sudan, OPSC
	3 p.m.	6	Monaco, Norway, Sweden (OPAC) closed meeting
Wednesday, 30 May 2007	10 a.m.	6	Kazakhstan, second and third
	3 p.m.	6	Kazakhstan, second and third (cont.)
Friday, 1 June 2007	10 a.m.	6	Guatemala OPSC and OPAC
	3 p.m.	6	Guatemala OPSC and OPAC (cont.)
Monday, 4 June 2007	10 a.m.	6	Ukraine, OPSC
	3 p.m.	6	Bangladesh, OPSC

8. 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. In accordance with its decision no.8 related to the consideration of reports under the two optional protocols, the Committee may also offer States a choice of technical review for the consideration of reports under the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of children in Armed Conflict.

9. 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-fifth session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend these meetings of the Committee.

Item 7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

10. 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 8. Methods of work of the Committee

11. 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 9. General comments

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

Item 10. Future meetings

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

Item 11. Other matters

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