



Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 25 May to 11 June 2010. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Tuesday 25 May at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth 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 otherwise decided by the Committee.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which lists the reports that will be before the Committee at its fifty-fourth 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 1 to 5 February 2010.

Provisional agenda

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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, as and 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 fifty-fourth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the fifty-third session (CRC/C/53/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

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State party	Due in	Symbol
Albania	2009	CRC/C/ALB/2-4
Azerbaijan	2009	CRC/C/AZE/3-4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2009	CRC/C/BIH/2-4
Canada	2009	CRC/C/CAN/3-4
Guinea	1997	CRC/C/GIN/2
Guinea-Bissau	2007	CRC/C/GNB/2-4
Lithuania	2009	CRC/C/LTU/3-4
Namibia	1997	CRC/C/NAM/2
Uzbekistan	2010	CRC/C/UZB/3-4

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

State party	Due in	Symbol
Burkina Faso	2009	CRC/C/OPAC/BFA/1
Egypt	2009	CRC/C/OPAC/EGY/1
Greece	2005	CRC/C/OPAC/GRC/1
Morocco	2009	CRC/C/OPAC/MAR/1

Rwanda	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/RWA/1
United States of America	2010	CRC/C/OPAC/USA/2

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

State party	Due in	Symbol
Burkina Faso	2008	CRC/C/OPSC/BFA/1
Egypt	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/EGY/1
Rwanda	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/RWA/1
United States of America	2010	CRC/C/OPSC/USA/2

Overdue reports

4. 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 and periodic reports due under the Optional Protocols can be found in the document on the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/54/2). 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.

Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

5. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fifty-fourth 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

Date	Time	Agenda item	Chamber A	Chamber B
Wednesday, 26 May 2010	10 a.m.	4	Serbia OPSC, OPAC	Nigeria CRC 3rd and 4th
	3 p.m.	4	Serbia (<i>continued</i>)	Nigeria (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 27 May 2010	10 a.m.	4	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia CRC 2nd, OPSC, OPAC	Japan CRC 3rd, OPSC, OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (<i>continued</i>)	Japan (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 28 May 2010	10 a.m.	4	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (<i>continued</i>)	Japan (<i>continued</i>)
Monday, 31 May 2010	10 a.m.	4	Guatemala CRC 3rd and 4th	Grenada CRC 2nd
	3 p.m.	4	Guatemala (<i>continued</i>)	Grenada (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 2 June 2010	10 a.m.	4	Belgium CRC 3rd and 4th, OPSC	Argentina CRC 3rd and 4th, OPSC, OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	Belgium (<i>continued</i>)	Argentina (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 3 June 2010	10 a.m.			Argentina (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 4 June 2010	10 a.m.	4	Colombia OPSC, OPAC	Tunisia CRC 3rd
	3 p.m.	4	Colombia (<i>continued</i>)	Tunisia (<i>continued</i>)

6. 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.

7. 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 fifty-fourth 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 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

8. Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion on how 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

9. 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. In particular, the Committee will also discuss its draft treaty specific reporting guidelines.

Item 7. Days of general discussion

10. The Committee decided at its fifty-second session that, due to the backlog of reports pending consideration, no day of general discussion would be held in 2010.

Item 8. General comments

11. Under this item, the Committee will pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention, and specifically on article 3, the principle of the best interests of the child and on article 19, related to protection from all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse.

Item 9. Future meetings

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

Item 10. Other matters

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