



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

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### Consideration of reports of States parties

## List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Gabon under article 12, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

**The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information (15 pages maximum), if possible before 15 April 2016.**

*The Committee may take up any aspect of children's rights recognized in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party.*

1. Please provide statistical data (disaggregated by sex, age, nationality, urban and rural residence and socioeconomic background) for the past three years on the number of:
  - (a) Reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with information on the type of action taken, including the prosecution and conviction of the persons responsible;
  - (b) Child victims of trafficking brought into or taken out of Gabon or child victims of internal trafficking, or of prostitution or pornography, as defined in article 3 (1) of the Optional Protocol;
  - (c) Child victims who have received assistance for their recovery and social reintegration or who have received compensation in accordance with article 9 (3) and (4) of the Optional Protocol.
2. Please provide information on the National Monitoring Committee's database management in terms of collecting and periodically evaluating data on cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
3. Given that the Interministerial Commission to Combat Child Trafficking, which was established in 2000, is not operational, which body is responsible for preparing the National Action Plan to Combat Child Trafficking? Please also describe the work of other government agencies (National Monitoring Committee, National Centre for Child Victims of Trafficking and provincial committees) in relation to the implementation of the Optional Protocol.

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4. Please provide information on the targeted training courses in the Optional Protocol that are provided to all professionals, in particular immigration officials, the police, the judiciary, social workers, teachers and legislators. Please also provide information on measures that have been taken or are envisaged for training military and police forces prior to their participation in international peacekeeping missions.
5. Please provide information on the dissemination of the provisions of the Optional Protocol and Act No. 9/2004, particularly with regard to the information and awareness-raising campaigns carried out between 2012 and 2015.
6. Please inform the Committee about the current situation of the Arcades Call Centre, the Centre for Children in Difficult Circumstances, the Focal Point for Preventing and Combating Child Trafficking and Exploitation and the government agencies that deal with vulnerable children, which are mentioned in the State party's report (CRC/C/OPSC/GAB/1), and indicate what resources are available to ensure their proper functioning.
7. Please provide specific information on the measures taken to address the root causes of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, in particular poverty, the lack of economic opportunities, the lack of regulation for the "placement of children" and the demand for cheap labour.
8. Please provide information on initiatives taken for the prevention of child sex tourism and efforts made to disseminate the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism that was developed by the World Tourism Organization. Please indicate what measures have been taken or are envisaged for reducing the demand for sexual services in the area of tourism.
9. Please provide information on the measures taken to identify and protect children who are exploited through domestic labour, children living on the streets or child victims of forced marriage. Please also provide information on measures taken to prevent these children, especially girls, from becoming victims of prostitution rings and paedophilia.
10. With reference to paragraphs 10-19 of the State party's report, please clarify whether the current legislation prohibits all acts and activities related to the sale of children, as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the Optional Protocol, in particular: (a) the transfer of organs of the child for ritual purposes or for profit; (b) the engagement of the child in forced labour; and (c) the sale or transfer of children for purposes of illegal adoption.
11. In the light of paragraphs 20-35 of the State party's report, please clarify whether the legislation establishes the State party's extraterritorial jurisdiction over all the offences referred to in article 3 (1) of the Optional Protocol, especially when the alleged offender is a national of the State party or a person whose habitual residence is in its territory, or when the victim is a national of the State party. With regard to paragraph 23 of the State party's report, please also indicate whether the State party intends to abolish the requirement of dual criminality and, if so, within what time frame.
12. With reference to paragraphs 36-43 of the State party's report, please clarify whether extradition treaties concluded by the State party with other States include the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol. Please also inform the Committee whether the State party intends to consider the Optional Protocol as the legal basis for extradition in respect of these offences.
13. Please provide detailed information on investigations carried out, prosecutions initiated and penalties imposed in connection with the violations described in paragraphs 244, 246, 249, 250 and 251 of the State party's report.
14. For child victims and child witnesses of offences referred to in the Optional Protocol, please provide information on the measures taken to protect their rights and interests at all

stages of criminal proceedings. Please also provide information on measures of psychological support, rehabilitation, reintegration and compensation, including in specialized care facilities, that are available to these children. Lastly, please describe the programmes that have been established for perpetrators of the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol.

15. Please indicate whether the State party has concluded cooperation agreements with neighbouring countries and in the region in order to combat child trafficking.

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