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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of Yemen (CRC/C/OPSC/YEM/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 3 August 2009.</u>

- 1. Please provide information on the process of preparation of the report, including whether non-governmental organizations, particularly child rights organizations as well as the Children's Parliament, were consulted.
- 2. Please provide disaggregated data (including by sex, age group, urban/rural area) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 on:
 - (a) The number of reported cases of early or forced marriage, sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with additional information on type of follow-up provided on the outcome of the cases, including prosecution and sanctions for perpetrators;
 - (b) The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation as defined in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol.
- 3. Please inform the Committee of measures taken to establish an effective system of data collection on violations of provisions of the Optional Protocol through a unified database.

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- 4. Please provide information on specific budget allocations for the implementation of the provisions of the Optional Protocol at the local, regional and central levels.
- 5. Please provide information on progress made towards the establishment of an independent national human rights institution with a mandate to monitor implementation of the Optional Protocol and also to receive complaints from, or on behalf of, children on violations of its provisions.
- 6. Please provide further information on legislative measures taken to ensure that all the acts and activities referred to in the Optional Protocol are fully covered under the criminal or penal laws. Furthermore, please provide information on whether, in the context of sale of children, engagement of the child in forced labour is criminalized as a form of sale of children.
- 7. Please clarify whether the State party may establish its jurisdiction over offences referred to in the Optional Protocol in all cases indicated in article 4, and notably when the crime is committed abroad and the alleged offender is a national of Yemen or a person who has his habitual residence in Yemen, or when the victim is a national of Yemen.
- 8. Please provide further information on measures taken to protect the rights and interests of child victims of the acts prohibited under the Optional Protocol at all stages of the criminal justice process to ensure that they are not criminalized and, in particular, on the rules and practice concerning the protection of child victims who have to testify in criminal cases.
- 9. Please inform the Committee of the social reintegration assistance as well as physical and psychosocial recovery measures available for victims of offences covered by the Optional Protocol.
- 10. Please indicate whether special training, particularly legal and psychological, is provided to persons working in the area of recovery and social reintegration of child victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol.
