



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

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

List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the consideration of the initial report of Mexico (CRC/C/OPAC/MEX/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible before 2 August 2010, not exceeding 15 pages.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party.

1. Please clarify whether members of the Mexican armed forces receive training on the provisions of the Optional Protocol.
2. Please provide detailed statistics on cases of persons aged under 18 doing early military service in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Please also indicate if young persons aged 16 and 17 doing early military service are involved in combating organized crime and the drug cartels.
3. Please provide disaggregated data on schools operated by or under the control of the armed forces, including: their number; the type of education provided and the proportions of academic education and military training in the curricula; the duration of the education; the academic/military personnel involved; and educational facilities. Please provide disaggregated data (for example, by sex, age, region, rural/urban areas and social and ethnic origin) on the students attending schools operated by or under the control of the armed forces; their status (members or not of the armed forces); their military status in the case of mobilization or of an armed conflict, a genuine military need or any other emergency situation; their right to leave such schools at any time and not to pursue a military career and whether they have access to independent complaint mechanisms.
4. Please provide information on the presence of paramilitary and/or armed groups on the territory of the State party and whether such groups recruit children.
5. Please indicate whether there are legal provisions in the Criminal Code that penalize forced recruitment and/or the participation in hostilities of children under 18 years of age.
6. Please indicate whether the State party assumes extraterritorial jurisdiction in cases where the war crimes of forced recruitment or participation in hostilities of children under 18 years of age have been committed outside its territory and the perpetrator or victim is a Mexican citizen, bearing in mind the applicable international instruments, including the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
7. Please give information on measures taken for the identification, physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration of refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children arriving in Mexico, in particular those who may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad.