



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

### Fifty-ninth session

Geneva, 16 January-3 February 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

### Adoption of the agenda

## Provisional agenda and annotations

### Note by the Secretary-General\*

1. The fifty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 16 January to 3 February 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 16 January at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 39 of the 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-ninth session.
5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 to 24 September 2011.

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\* Late submission.

## Provisional agenda

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## Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 9 of the 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.

### 2. Organizational matters

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.

### 3. Submission of reports by States parties

#### Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session (CRC/C/58/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

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State party	Due in	Symbol
Turkmenistan	2010	CRC/C/TKM/3-4
Croatia	2008	CRC/C/HRV/3-4
Portugal	2007	CRC/C/PRT/3-4
Fiji	2010	CRC/C/FJI/2-4
India	2008	CRC/C/IND/3-4
Mauritius	2011	CRC/C/MUS/3-5
Holy See	1997	CRC/C/VAT/2

<b>Gambia</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>CRC/C/GMB/2-3</b>
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>CRC/C/KAZ/4</b>

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

<b>State party</b>	<b>Due in</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>CRC/C/OPAC/IND/1</b>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>CRC/C/OPAC/KHM/1</b>

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

<b>State party</b>	<b>Due in</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>CRC/C/OPSC/PRT/1</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>CRC/C/OPSC/IND/1</b>

**Overdue reports**

Under rule 71 of the 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/59/2). 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.

**4. Consideration of reports of States parties**

A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fifty-ninth 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>State party</i>
Tuesday, 17 January			
	10 a.m.	4	Azerbaijan CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Azerbaijan CRC (continued)
Wednesday, 18 January			
	10 a.m.	4	Azerbaijan OPSC/OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	Democratic Republic of the Congo OPAC

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>State party</i>
Thursday, 19 January	10 a.m.	4	Myanmar CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Myanmar CRC (continued)
Friday, 20 January	10 a.m.	4	Madagascar CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Madagascar CRC (continued)
Monday, 23 January	10 a.m.	4	Togo CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Togo CRC (continued)
Tuesday, 24 January	10 a.m.	4	Togo OPSC
	3 p.m.	4	Thailand CRC
Wednesday, 25 January	10 a.m.	4	Thailand CRC (continued) Thailand OPSC/OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	
Thursday, 26 January	10 a.m.	4	Cook Islands CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Cook Islands CRC (continued)
Friday, 27 January	10 a.m.	4	Niue CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Niue CRC (continued)

In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their States, and may also submit further information.

In accordance with rule 72 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fifty-ninth 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.

**5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies**

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.

**6. Methods of work of the Committee**

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 are identified for technical assistance.

**7. Days of general discussion**

The Committee decided at its fifty-eighth session that the theme of the 2012 day of general discussion, to be held in Geneva in September 2012, will be children in migration situations. Under this item, the Committee will start discussions on how to organize the next day of general discussion.

**8. General comments**

Under this item, the Committee will continue to draft 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; on article 31, the right to play; on article 24, the right to health; and on business and children's rights; as well as the draft joint general comment with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on harmful practices. It will also discuss other topics for future general comments.

**9. Future sessions**

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

**10. Other matters**

Under this item, members will discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as considered necessary. In particular, the Committee will review the emerging list of proposals regarding treaty body strengthening and the "Dublin II Outcome Document".