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COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The fifty-third session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 11 – 29 January 2010. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 11 January 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-third 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-third 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 5 – 9 October 2009.

**Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Submission of reports by States parties.
4. Consideration of reports of States parties.
5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.
6. Methods of work of the Committee.
7. Days of general discussion.
8. General comments.
9. Future meetings.
10. Other matters.

## **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-third session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), and reports included in the provisional agenda for the fifty-second session, document CRC/C/52/1, the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

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<b>State party</b>	<b>Due in</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
Afghanistan	1996	CRC/C/AFG/1
Andorra	2003	CRC/C/AND/2
Austria	2009	CRC/C/AUT/3-4
Cyprus	2008	CRC/C/CYP/3-4
Liberia	2009	CRC/C/LBR/2-4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2008	CRC/C/LBY/3-4
Myanmar	2008	CRC/C/MMR/3-4
Turkey	2007	CRC/C/TUR/2
Viet Nam	2007	CRC/C/VNM/3-4

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

State party	Due in	Symbol
Belarus	2008	CRC/C/OPAC/BLR/1
Slovakia	2008	CRC/C/OPAC/SVK/1
Thailand	2008	CRC/C/OPAC/THA/1

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

State party	Due in	Symbol
Belgium	2008	CRC/C/OPSC/BEL/1
Philippines	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/PHL/1
Slovakia	2006	CRC/C/OPSC/SVK/1
Thailand	2008	CRC/C/OPSC/THA/1

**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/53/2). 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-third 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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Chamber A</u>	<u>Chamber B</u>
Tuesday, 12 January 2010	10 a.m.	4	Mongolia CRC 3rd and 4th, OPSC, OPAC	Paraguay CRC 3rd
	3 p.m.	4	Mongolia ( <i>continued</i> )	Paraguay ( <i>continued</i> )
Wednesday, 13 January 2010	10 a.m.	4	Mongolia ( <i>continued</i> )	Burkina Faso CRC 3rd and 4th
	3 p.m.	4	Estonia OPSC	Burkina Faso ( <i>continued</i> )
Thursday, 14 January 2010	10 a.m.	4	Cameroon CRC 2nd	Sierra Leone OPSC, OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	Cameroon ( <i>continued</i> )	Sierra Leone ( <i>continued</i> )
Monday, 18 January 2010	3 p.m.	4	Israel OPAC	Ecuador CRC 4th, OPSC, OPAC
Tuesday, 19 January 2010	10 a.m.	4	Tajikistan CRC 2nd	Ecuador ( <i>continued</i> )
	3 p.m.	4	Tajikistan ( <i>continued</i> )	Ecuador ( <i>continued</i> )
Thursday, 21 January 2010	10 a.m.	4	El Salvador CRC 3rd and 4th, OPSC	Norway 4th
	3 p.m.	4	El Salvador ( <i>continued</i> )	Norway ( <i>continued</i> )
Friday, 22 January 2010	10 a.m.	4		Liechtenstein OPAC

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-third 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.

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