



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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\* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

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## Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Committee on the Rights of the Child may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent items may be added to the agenda.

The provisional agenda for the seventy-third session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure.

### 2. Organizational matters

The seventy-third session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room), from 13 to 30 September 2016. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Tuesday, 13 September, at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 39 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matters concerning the performance of its functions under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### 3. Submission of reports of States parties

#### Reports received

In addition to the reports that are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-third session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below) and the reports included in the provisional agenda for the seventy-second session (CRC/C/72/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention.

#### Convention on the Rights of the Child

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2012	CRC/C/PRK/5
Ecuador	2016	CRC/C/ECU/5-6
Marshall Islands	2010	CRC/C/MHL/3-4
Republic of Moldova	2015	CRC/C/MDA/4-5
Seychelles	2016	CRC/C/SYC/5-6
Solomon Islands	2007	CRC/C/SLB/2-3
Spain	2015	CRC/C/ESP/5-6
Sri Lanka	2015	CRC/C/LKA/5-6
Tajikistan	2015	CRC/C/TJK/3-5

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Guinea	2013	CRC/C/OPSC/GIN/1

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Cyprus	2012	CRC/C/OPAC/CYP/1
Estonia	2016	CRC/C/OPAC/EST/1
Guinea	2013	CRC/C/OPAC/GIN/1

**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, the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography are available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx).

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

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventy-third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair 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, 13 September 2016	3 p.m.	4	Nauru <sup>a</sup>
Wednesday, 14 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	Nauru ( <i>continued</i> )
	3 p.m.	4	Sierra Leone <sup>a</sup>
Thursday, 15 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	Sierra Leone ( <i>continued</i> )
	3 p.m.	4	New Zealand <sup>a</sup>
Friday, 16 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	New Zealand ( <i>continued</i> )
	3 p.m.	4	New Zealand <sup>c</sup>
Monday, 19 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	South Africa <sup>a</sup>
	3 p.m.	4	South Africa ( <i>continued</i> )
Tuesday, 20 September 2016	10 p.m.	4	South Africa <sup>c</sup>
	3 p.m.	4	Saudi Arabia <sup>a</sup>
Wednesday, 21 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	Saudi Arabia ( <i>continued</i> )
	3 p.m.	4	Suriname <sup>a</sup>
Thursday, 22 September 2016	10 a.m.	4	Suriname ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>State party</i>
Friday, 23 September 2016	10 a.m.	8	Day of general discussion
	3 p.m.	8	Day of general discussion

<sup>a</sup> Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

<sup>b</sup> Report on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

<sup>c</sup> Report on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

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. The 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 rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and venue of the seventy-third session of the Committee and the meetings at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend those meetings of the Committee.

A pre-sessional working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare lists of issues relating to reports, for transmission to States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-sessional working group for the seventy-third session, established in accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 5 February 2016. The responses of States parties to the lists of issues will be before the Committee at its seventy-third session.

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

The Committee will continue its discussion on how its 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 and treaty-body strengthening process**

The Committee will continue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work and the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports of States parties and their follow-up. In particular, the Committee will discuss issues related to its methods of work, especially those concerning the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure. The Committee will also continue its discussion on the follow-up to the treaty-body strengthening process.

#### **7. Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure**

The Committee will consider any communication and information it has received in relation to the Optional Protocol.

#### **8. Day of general discussion**

At its sixty-second session, the Committee decided to hold a day of general discussion every two years. At its seventy-third session, the Committee will hold a day of general discussion entitled "Children's rights and the environment", on Friday, 23 September 2016, at the Palais des Nations.

**9. General comments**

The Committee will continue its work on three general comments, namely on adolescents, on children in street situations and on children in the context of migration, the last of which will be prepared and issued jointly with the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

**10. Future sessions**

The Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future sessions.

**11. Other matters**

Members will discuss any other matters relating to the work of the Committee, as considered necessary.

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