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Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict: Questions for the State party to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the report of BANGLADESH (CRC/C/OPAC/BGD/1)

The issues which the Committee would like to consider further are, inter alia:

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, ethnic minority, urban or rural areas) covering the period between 2002 and 2005 on the number and proportion of children under 18 recruited in the armed forces or in the police and paramilitary forces.
2. Please provide disaggregated data (by age and gender) covering the period between 2002 and 2005 on the number and proportion of persons provided to the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) to be deployed in United Nations peace missions.
3. Please provide data for 2003-2006 on budget allocations and trends (in percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Protocol, and in particular to the measures adopted with regard to disarmament, demobilization and social reintegration of children victims of activities contrary to the Protocol. Please also indicate the percentages of these allocations derived from international sources.
4. Please provide information on the legislation concerning voluntary recruitment of children under 18 and protection of children from being engaged in hostilities. In particular, please provide specific information on measures taken to ensure that recruitment of under-18s is genuinely voluntary, and about when and how the consent of the parents is sought.

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5. Please provide information on the presence in the school curricula of courses about human rights and humanitarian law aiming at strengthening a culture of peace.
6. Please provide information on the number of children who continue to be affected by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Conflict, although it ended in 1997:
 - (a) as displaced persons;
 - (b) as orphans;
 - (c) as combatants.
