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

List of issues for the State party to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of VIET NAM (CRC/C/OPSC/VNM/1)

1.Please provide statistical data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2003, 2004, and 2005 on:

(a)The number of children trafficked to and from Viet Nam, as well as the number of children trafficked within the country;

(b)The number of reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with additional information on type of follow-up provided and on the outcome of the cases, including prosecution, withdrawals and sanctions for perpetrators;

(c)The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation (if any), as defined in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol.

2.Please provide information on specific budget allocations for the implementation of the provisions contained in the Optional Protocol.

3.Please indicate whether there is a specific government body responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the Optional Protocol.

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4.Please indicate whether the National Plan of Action on the Prevention of Trafficking of Women and Children has been adopted (paragraph 241 of the State party's report). Please also explain what are its activities and focus and whether there are specific budget allocations for its implementation.

5.Please explain further the reasons behind the reservation to article 5 of the Optional Protocol and indicate whether there has been any concrete step towards its withdrawal (paragraph 118 of the State party's report).

6.Please inform the Committee on measures taken to avoid illegal intercountry adoptions, including the steps taken towards ratification of the Hague Convention No. 33 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter-country Adoption (paragraph 18 of the State party's report). Please also inform the Committee on the number and countries of destination of children adopted through intercountry adoptions.

7.Please indicate whether the State party has taken any measures to establish its jurisdiction over the offènces referred to in article 3, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol, when the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite him or her to another State party on the basis of the nationality of the offender.

8.Please inform the Committee on whether special training, particularly legal and psychological, is provided to those persons working on social reintegration and physical and psychological recovery of child victims.

9.Please inform the Committee on the development of the negotiation between the State party and Cambodia aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation to combat cross-border trafficking in women and children (paragraph 243 of the State party's report).

10.Please explain further to the Committee how child victims have access to procedures to seek compensation from those legally responsible for the acts prohibited under the Optional Protocol.