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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the second periodic report of SENEGAL (CRC/C/SEN/2)

PART I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in <u>written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, <u>before 5 August 2006</u>.

A. Data and statistics, if available

- 1. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on the number and percentage of children under the age of 18 living in Senegal.
- 2. In the light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide disaggregated data on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures and percentages of the national and regional budgets) for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 regarding the implementation of the Convention, evaluating also the priorities for budgetary expenditures given to the following:
 - (a) education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary);
 - (b) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care, HIV/AIDS and other health-care services for children, including social insurance);
 - (c) programmes and services for children with disabilities;

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- (d) support programmes for families;
- (e) support for children living below the poverty line;
- (f) protection of children who are in need of alternative care, including the support of care institutions;
- (g) programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse, child sexual exploitation and child labour;
- (h) programmes and services for abandoned children, including street children and especially talibés;
- (i) programmes and services for children affected by the Casamance conflict; and
- (j) programmes for the recovery and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on the number of children:
 - (a) separated from their parents;
 - (b) placed in institutions;
 - (c) placed with foster families; and
 - (d) adopted domestically or through intercountry adoptions.
- 4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, up to the age of 18, disaggregated by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas, covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 who are:
 - (a) living with their families;
 - (b) living in institutions;
 - (c) placed in foster care;
 - (d) attending regular schools;
 - (e) attending special schools; and
 - (f) not attending school.
- 5. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on:
 - (a) rates of infant and child mortality;

- (b) rates of immunization;
- (c) rates of malnutrition;
- (d) adolescent health, including early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), drug, tobacco, other substance abuse, mental health and suicide.
- 6. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups and types of child abuse reported) covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on the:
 - (a) number of reported child abuse cases;
 - (b) number and percentage of reports that have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up;
 - (c) number and proportion of child victims who have received counselling and assistance in recovery.
- 7. With reference to the right to education, please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005, in percentage of the relevant age group, on the:
 - (a) rates of literacy, under and over the age of 18 years;
 - (b) rate of enrolment in pre-primary schools, primary schools and secondary schools;
 - (c) percentage of children completing primary and secondary education;
 - (d) number and percentage of dropouts and repetitions; and
 - (e) ratio teacher per children and number of children per class.
- 8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) on the number of children:
 - (a) infected with HIV/AIDS;
 - (b) affected by HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) leading households due to HIV/AIDS; and
 - (d) orphans of HIV/AIDS living in extended families or institutions.
- 9. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age groups and type of crime) covering the years 2003, 2004 and 2005, in particular on the number of:
 - (a) persons under the age of 18, who have allegedly committed a crime reported to the police;

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- (b) persons under the age of 18 who have been charged with a crime and have been sentenced, and the type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
- (c) detention facilities for persons under the age of 18 in conflict with law, and those facilities' capacity;
- (d) persons under the age of 18 detained in these facilities and persons under the age of 18 detained in adult facilities;
- (e) person under the age of 18 kept in pretrail detention, and the average length of their detention;
- (f) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons under the age of 18 that occurred during their arrest and detention; and
- (g) persons under the age of 18 tried and sentenced as adults.
- 10. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by sex, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on the number of children:
 - (a) involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking as well as the number of children provided with access to recovery and other assistance;
 - (b) involved in substance abuse as well as the number of children who received treatment and recovery and reintegration assistance;
 - (c) involved in child labour, indicating type of work;
 - (d) working and/or living in the street (please provide statistical data on talibés); and
 - (e) affected by the Casamance conflict.

B. General measures of implementation

- 1. The Committee would appreciate receiving information on those activities meant to implement recommendations contained in the Committee's previous concluding observations on the initial report of Senegal (CRC/C/3/Add.31) that have not yet been fully implemented, in particular regarding: de facto forbidding of female genital mutilation as well as any form of corporal punishment within the family; ensuring an equal age for marriage for girls and boys; and measures taken to ensure the effective enjoyment of the fundamental rights and protection of any form of discrimination against talibés.
- 2. Please provide information on cases, if any, in which the Convention has been directly invoked in domestic courts, and if so, please provide examples of such cases.

- 3. Please provide information on the Independent Monitoring Mechanism, as well as on its mandate and budget allocation. Indicate if the State party intends to develop a National Human Rights Commission or an Ombudsman for children with the Jurisdiction to receive complaints.
- 4. Please provide information on the National Plan of Action, in particular whether it covers all areas of the Convention and takes into account the objectives and goals of the outcome document entitled "A world fit for children" of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children in 2002, and on the measures taken to implement the Plan.
- 5. Please give information on procedures of, and on the bodies effectively involved in, data collection.
- 6. Please provide updated information on efforts to disseminate the Convention, the State party report and the previous concluding observations of the Committee (CRC/C/15/Add.44).
- 7. Please provide updated information on efforts made to provide training on, and awareness of, the Convention and human rights in general, to children, parents, teachers, social workers and other professionals working with and for children.
- 8. Please provide updated information on the cooperation between the State party and the international community, including with non-governmental organizations, in the efforts to implement the Convention.
- 9. Please indicate the issues affecting children that the State party considers to be priorities, requiring the most urgent attention with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

PART II

Please provide the Committee with copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.

PART III

Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) update the information provided in its report with regard to:

- new or enacted legislation;
- new institutions;
- newly implemented policies;
- newly implemented programmes and projects, and their scope.

PART IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues (which does not contain issues already covered in Part I) that the Committee may take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written answers. This list is not exhaustive, as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue:

- 1. Non-discrimination in general and in particular discrimination against girls, talibés, children with disabilities, children living in poverty, children born out of wedlock, internally displaced children, refugee and asylum-seeking children, children in conflict with the law, children living in rural areas, and children affected by the Casamance conflict;
- 2. The Senegal Poverty Reduction Strategy;
- 3. Social security and standard of living, in particular high levels of poverty;
- 4. Respect for the views of the child;
- 5. National and intercountry adoption, and family reunification;
- 6. Corporal punishment in the family, and in schools and other institutions;
- 7. Child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence;
- 8. Health-care services;
- 9. Harmful traditional practices, especially female genital mutilation;
- 10. HIV/AIDS;
- 11. Quality of education, in particular levels of illiteracy and lack of trained teachers, including information on Koranic schools, in particular on recruitment of teachers, curricula and their number;
- 12. Refugee children;
- 13. Street children, including child begging (in particular the talibés);
- 14. Economic exploitation, including child labour;
- 15. Sexual exploitation and trafficking; and
- 16. Administration of juvenile justice, including alternatives to deprivation of liberty.
