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List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of SWEDEN (CRC/C/OPAC/SWE/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible before 2 April 2007

1. Please provide information on the measures taken to follow up on the proposals introduced by the inquiry report "International Offences and Swedish Jurisdiction" (Official Government Report - SOU 2002:98) which was published in November 2002, in particular regarding the inclusion of international crimes listed in article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in the domestic law. Please provide detailed information as to whether Sweden assumes extraterritorial jurisdiction over the war crime of conscripting or enlisting children under the age of 15 into the armed forces or using them to participate actively in hostilities. Also in relation to extraterritorial jurisdiction, please indicate whether Swedish courts have jurisdiction in case of forced recruitment or involvement in hostilities of a person under 18 if the crime is committed outside Sweden, by or against a Swedish citizen.

2. Please provide information on education and training on the provisions of the Optional Protocol. With regard to the human rights education provided at different levels of the Swedish Armed Forces, please provide updated information on the human rights education available, in particular regarding the scope of application of the Optional Protocol. Please also describe other measures taken to disseminate information on the Optional Protocol, including financial and human resources allocated to the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to disseminate information on the Optional Protocol.

3. Please provide disaggregated data (including by sex, age and country of origin) covering the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 on the number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children coming to Sweden from areas affected by armed conflict.

4. According to the State party report (para. 59) the State party has instructed the Swedish Migration Board to consider in asylum matters forms of persecution that are specific to children, among these the compulsory recruitment of child soldiers. Please provide information, if already available, on whether this assignment has resulted in concrete measures.

5. Please provide information on the measures taken to implement the Committee's recommendations, adopted on 28 January 2005, on the reception and situation of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in Sweden (please see the Committee's concluding observations on the State party's third periodic report (CRC/C/15/Add.248, paras. 39-40).

6. With regard to the report "Asylum-seeking Children with Severe Withdrawal Behaviour I Status of Knowledge and Survey" (Statens Offentliga Utredningar 2005:2), which describes the status of research concerning this phenomenon and shows the existence and nature of this problem at both national and international levels, please provide information on whether the findings of this report have resulted in any follow-up measures in Sweden.
