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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration
of the initial report of BULGARIA (CRC/C/OPSC/BGR/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 6 August 2007.

1. Please provide, if available, statistical data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 on:

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

The number of children trafficked to and from Bulgaria, as well as within
the country;

The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation as defined in article 9 paragraphss 3 and 4 of the Protocol.

2. Please inform the Committee if the State party has a mechanism for data collection on the issues covered by the Optional Protocol.

3. Please provide information on specific budget allocations (national, regional and local) for the implementation of the provisions of the Optional Protocol.

4. Please update and provide further details regarding the implementation of the

GE.07-42944 National Action Plan against Sexual Exploitation of Children for Commercial

Purposes adopted in 2003 and if a new Action Plan, covering the period after

2005, has been adopted.

5. Please indicate whether the State party has introduced or intends to introduce into

the Penal Code the specific prohibition of child prostitution and child pornography

in accordance with article 3, paragraphs. 1 and 2, of the Optional Protocol. Please provide a translation of the relevant provisions of the Penal Code.

6. Please provide more detailed information on specific measures that have been

implemented to adapt the procedure of hearing child victims or witnesses in courts.

7. Please indicate whether the State party intends to establish specialized courts or
court units for children and specialized training for judges considering cases involving children.

8. Please provide updated information on the measures undertaken and budget
allocated in order to ensure the social reintegration and physical and psychosocial
recovery for child victims of offences covered by the Protocol.

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

10. Please provide more detailed information on the specifically targeted preventive measures that have been put in place for particularly vulnerable children such as Roma and street children.
