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

List of issues related to the consideration of the initial report of Japan (CRC/C/OPSC/JPN/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 6 April 2010.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party. The present list of issues covers only some priority questions on which the Committee would like additional information before the dialogue.

1. Please provide, if available, statistical data (disaggregated by nationality, age, sex, ethnic origin, geographical location and socio-economic status) for the period 2006–2009 on:
 - (a) The number of reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the number of cases prosecuted and the outcome of these cases and sanctions for perpetrators;
 - (b) The number of children trafficked to and from Japan and within the country for the purpose of sexual exploitation; the number of cases prosecuted, with additional information on the outcome of the cases, and the number of child victims of trafficking deported or repatriated from Japan;
 - (c) The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation as defined in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol and the existence of any reintegration programmes provided for the victims; and
 - (d) The number of reported cases of crimes related to child sex tourism involving Japanese citizens, with additional information on the outcome of the cases, including prosecution and sanctions for perpetrators.
2. Please provide information on any mechanisms for the coordination of policy in relation to the implementation of the Optional Protocol.

3. Please indicate whether there are any institutions, at both the national and local levels, established to monitor the implementation of the Optional Protocol.
4. Please provide information on the State party's cooperation with countries through and from which children are trafficked for the purpose of prostitution or sexual exploitation, including information on the repatriation and social reintegration of these children.
5. Please advise the Committee of any legislative and other measures in force to protect children who are victims of the offences set out in the Optional Protocol.
6. Please advise the Committee of the measures taken to combat organized crime involving the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, including depiction of children in comics.
7. Please indicate whether any specific measures have been taken to prevent particularly vulnerable children, such as street children, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and children residing in residential care institutions, from becoming victims of such offences.
