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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 BANGLADESH (CRC/C/OPSC/BGD/1)

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

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

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

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

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

Please clarify whether the National Plan of Action against sexual abuse and exploitation of children, including trafficking (para. 7 of the State party's report) also covers the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

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Please provide more information on measures taken to establish an effective system of data collection on the issues covered by the Optional Protocol.

Please clarify the legal status of the Optional Protocol in the State party's legislation.

Section 6 of the 2000 Act on the Suppression of Violence Against Women and Children punishes "any person who buys or sells any child for any unlawful or immoral purpose" (para. 36 of the State party's report). Please clarify whether:

The sale of children is permitted under any other circumstances (e.g. sale for adoption);

Children between 16 and 18 years are also covered by this Act;

The provisions of this Act are incorporated in the State party's criminal law.

Please indicate whether besides section 293 of the Penal Code, which punishes distribution and dissemination of pornographic material to children, the State party's legislation adequately defined and punished child pornography in conformity with articles 2 (c) and 3, paragraph 1 (c) of the Optional Protocol.

Please advise the Committee of measures adopted to detect and investigate cases of trafficking, sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Please inform the Committee whether the State party may establish its jurisdiction over the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol in all cases indicated in article 4, and notably when the crime is committed abroad and the victim is a national of Bangladesh.

Please provide more information on extradition rules and in particular on whether the State party applies article 5 of the Optional Protocol, and notably its second paragraph.

Please provide further information on the measures taken to protect the rights and interests of child victims of the practices prohibited under the Protocol at all stages of the criminal justice process, and in particular on the rules and practice concerning the protection of child victims who have to testify in criminal cases.

Please provide more information on measures taken to strengthen international assistance in connection with investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings brought in respect of the offences covered by the Optional Protocol.

Please elaborate further on the measures taken to prevent the offences referred to in the Protocol, and in particular on the implementation of the Births and Deaths Registration Act of 2004 and its contribution to establishing an effective national registration system. Please also elaborate on the measures, if any, aimed at promoting awareness among the public at large, including children, about the harmful effects of the offences referred to in the Protocol.

Please provide the Committee with updated information on the social reintegration assistance as well as physical and psychosocial recovery measures available for victims of offences covered by the Protocol and the State budget allocations for this purpose. Please elaborate on the status of the guidelines for the recovery and reintegration of children victim of sexual exploitation mentioned in para. 99 of the State party's report.

Please indicate whether special training, particularly legal and psychological, is provided to persons working in the area of recovery and social reintegration of child victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol.
