



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

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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 concerning additional and updated information related to the initial report of Belarus (CRC/C/OPSC/BLR/1)

The State party is requested to submit additional and updated information in writing , and not exceeding 30 pages , if possible before 19 November 2010 .

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State Party.

1. Please provide, if available, disaggregated data (including by sex, age group, urban/rural area) for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 on:

(a) Number of reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, number of cases prosecuted, outcome of these cases, including withdrawals, any institutional measures adopted to investigate these cases, and sanctions for perpetrators; and

(b) Number of child victims provided with assistance for recovery and rehabilitation, as well as compensation, as indicated in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Protocol.

2. Please indicate the resources specifically allocated to the implementation of the Optional Protocol, and more specifically for assistance programmes for child victims.

3. Please provide information on the dissemination of, and training on, the Protocol, for relevant professional groups, including immigration officers, judges, social workers, teachers and legislators.

4. Please indicate if the State party is considering taking steps to criminalize all the offences covered under the Optional Protocol, including the sale of children, as distinct from trafficking in human beings, sale for the purpose of sexual exploitation, transfer of the child's organs for profit, or engagement of the child in forced labour.

5. Please clarify whether the State party can establish extraterritorial jurisdiction specifically for all crimes covered under the Optional Protocol. Please further indicate whether the State party has, since the entry into force of the Protocol, requested the extradition of any person accused of any of the offences referred to in the Protocol and, if so, whether such request(s) have been honoured by the requested State(s).

6. Please comment on the legal obligations of Internet service providers regarding child pornography.

7. Please indicate whether the State party implements a victim referral mechanism in order to ensure that all child victims are provided with adequate assistance for recovery and rehabilitation

8. Please provide information on the procedural rules adopted to protect child victims and witnesses from re-victimization, and allow for financial compensation.

9. Please indicate how the State party ensures that child victims of the offences covered under the Optional Protocol are neither criminalized nor penalized.