



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

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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 Serbia (CRC/C/OPSC/SRB/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 inform the Committee if the Criminal Code specifically defines sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in accordance with articles 2 and 3 of the Optional Protocol and whether there are related offences in the draft Child Act.
2. Please indicate whether national criminal legislation prohibits improperly inducing consent, as an intermediary, for the adoption of a child in violation of applicable international legal instruments on adoption (art. 3, para. 1 (a) (ii) of the Optional Protocol) and please indicate if the State party intends to ratify the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.
3. Please indicate how the National Plan of Action for Children addresses comprehensively all the areas covered by the Optional Protocol.
4. Please indicate if the State party has established a consolidated system for the comprehensive collection and analysis of data on children and please provide, if available, statistical data (disaggregated by nationality, age, sex, ethnic origin, geographical location, and socio-economic status) for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009 on:
 - (a) The number of reported cases of sale of children (including the purpose), child prostitution, child pornography, child sex tourism involving Serbian citizens and children trafficked to and from the Republic of Serbia as well as within the country;
 - (b) The number of cases of sale of children, child prostitution, child pornography and child sex tourism that have been investigated, prosecuted and the sanctions for the perpetrators, with additional information on types of follow-up provided on the outcome of the cases;
 - (c) The number of child victims of the offences covered by the Optional Protocol provided with recovery and reintegration programmes as well as compensation as defined in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol.
5. Please provide information on the system and procedures of identification of children who might be particularly vulnerable to the offences of the Optional Protocol, including Roma and other minority children, children from residential care institutions, children in street situations, refugee and asylum-seeking children, as well as identification of child victims of the offences. Please indicate what measures have been undertaken in order to ensure child-friendly systems and procedures of identification and how these children are protected under the Optional Protocol.
6. Please inform the Committee if the draft Law on Social Protection has been adopted and if it incorporates child specific provisions to cover the needs of child victims of the crimes under the Optional Protocol, including social reintegration and physical and psychological recovery, social services, child-friendly shelters and a child helpline.
7. Please provide information on the State party's allocation of human, technical and financial resources specifically dedicated to dissemination, awareness-raising, prevention, prohibition and victim assistance activities under the Optional Protocol.