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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee on the Rights of the Child may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent items may be added to the agenda.

The provisional agenda for the seventy-sixth session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure.



2. Organizational matters

The seventy-seventh session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room), from 15 January to 2 February 2018. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 15 January, at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 39 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matters concerning the performance of its functions under the Convention.

3. Submission of reports of States parties

Reports received

In addition to the reports that are already scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-seventh session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below) and the reports included in the provisional agenda for the seventy-sixth session (CRC/C/76/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports on the implementation of the Convention.

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<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>
Bahrain	2017
Belgium	2017
Guinea	2017
Italy	2017
Niger	2012
Syrian Arab Republic	2015

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>
Benin	2007
Czech Republic	2015

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>
Benin	2007
Saudi Arabia	2013

Overdue reports

Under rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. The full list of initial and periodic reports due under the Convention, the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child

prostitution and child pornography are available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx.

4. Consideration of reports of States parties

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventy-seventh session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>State party</i>
Monday, 15 January 2018	3 p.m.	Sri Lanka ^a
Tuesday, 16 January 2018	10 a.m.	Sri Lanka ^a (<i>continued</i>)
	3 p.m.	Guatemala ^a
Wednesday, 17 January 2018	10 a.m.	Guatemala ^a (<i>continued</i>)
	3 p.m.	Panama ^a
Thursday, 18 January 2018	10 a.m.	Panama ^a (<i>continued</i>)
	3 p.m.	Seychelles ^a
Friday, 19 January 2018	10 a.m.	Seychelles ^a (<i>continued</i>)
Monday, 22 January 2018	10 a.m.	Spain ^a
	3 p.m.	Spain ^a (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 23 January 2018	10 a.m.	Solomon Islands ^a
Thursday, 25 January 2018	10 a.m.	Palau ^a
Monday, 29 January 2018	10 a.m.	Marshall Islands ^a

^a Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. The representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their States, and may also submit further information.

In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and venue of the seventy-seventh session of the Committee and the meetings at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend those meetings.

A meeting of the pre-sessional working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare lists of issues relating to reports, for transmission to States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The meeting of the pre-sessional working group for the seventy-seventh session, established in accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 6 to 9 June 2017. The responses of the States parties to the lists of issues will be before the Committee at its seventy-seventh session.

5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

The Committee will continue its discussion on how its cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child. The Committee will hold its biennial meeting with the United Nations Children's Fund on Wednesday, 31 January 2018.

6. Methods of work of the Committee and treaty body strengthening process

The Committee will continue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work and the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports of States parties and their follow-up. In particular, the Committee will discuss issues related to its methods of work, especially those concerning the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure. The Committee will also continue its discussion on the follow-up to the treaty body strengthening process.

7. Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

The Committee will consider any communication and information it has received in relation to the Optional Protocol.

8. Day of general discussion

The Committee will begin preparations for the day of general discussion, provisionally entitled "Protecting and empowering children as human rights defenders", to be held in September 2018, as decided at its seventy-sixth session.

9. General comments

The Committee will begin its work on the revision of general comment No. 10 (2007) on children's rights in juvenile justice.

10. Future sessions

The Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future sessions.

11. Other matters

Members will discuss any other matters relating to the work of the Committee, as considered necessary. The Committee will hold its tenth informal meeting with States on 1 February 2018, at 3 p.m., in the Palais des Nations.
