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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 online, limited eighty-fifth session due to the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure.

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** The present document was submitted to the conference services after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.



2. Organizational matters

The session will be exceptionally held online, from 14 September to 1 October 2020. The Committee emphasizes the exceptional nature of holding an online, limited session, due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that online sessions should not become the norm. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 14 September, at noon Geneva time.

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. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, all meetings will be closed except for the opening and closing of the session.

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

Consideration of the reports that were scheduled for the session has been deferred to future sessions. In addition to those reports and the reports included in the provisional agenda for the previous session (CRC/C/84/1), 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>
Congo	2019
Dominican Republic	2020
Egypt	2020
Lithuania	2019
Luxembourg	2020
Paraguay	2017
Poland	2020
South Sudan	2017
Togo	2017

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>
Senegal	2006
Togo	2007

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>
Brazil	2013
Finland	2014
Senegal	2006

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 is available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx.

4. Consideration of reports of States parties

The reports of the following States parties were scheduled to be considered at the session: Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Czechia, Eswatini and Tunisia.

Rule 72 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be invited to attend meetings of the Committee at which the report of that State party is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the report.

In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee amended the provisional agenda for the session in order to defer its consideration of the reports of the aforementioned States parties to future sessions of the Committee, taking into account that no in-person meetings would take place during the session, owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

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 and will continue its discussion on follow-up to the treaty body strengthening process and the 2020 review.

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

At its eighty-first session, the Committee decided that its next day of general discussion would focus on the rights of children at risk of being placed or living in alternative care. In the light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the day of general discussion has been tentatively postponed to September 2021.

9. General comments

The Committee will continue working on its new general comment dedicated to children's rights in the digital environment.

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.
