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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 ninety-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.

* The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent developments.



2. Organizational matters

The ninety-seventh session will be held from 26 August to 13 September 2024. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 26 August at 10 a.m. Geneva time at Palais Wilson.

In accordance with rule 39 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will 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 scheduled for consideration at the ninety-seventh session and the reports included in the provisional agenda for the previous session (CRC/C/96/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports of States parties on the implementation of the Convention:

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>
Cabo Verde	2024
Chad	2012
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2023
Norway	2024

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. Information on 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 the treaty body database.¹

4. Consideration of reports of States parties

The table below contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the ninety-seventh session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair and subject to approval by the Committee.

<i>Date</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>
Tuesday, 27 August afternoon	Bahrain	Report submitted under article 8 (1) of the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict (CRC/C/OPAC/BHR/1)
Wednesday, 28 August, morning	Bahrain (<i>continued</i>)	Report submitted under article 12 (1) of the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (CRC/C/OPSC/BHR/1)
Wednesday, 28 August, afternoon	Turkmenistan	Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports (CRC/C/TKM/5-6)
Thursday, 29 August, morning	Turkmenistan (<i>continued</i>)	
Friday, 30 August, morning	Mexico	Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports (CRC/C/MEX/6-7)

¹ https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx. See also https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/LateReporting.aspx.

<i>Date</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>
Friday, 30 August, Afternoon	Mexico (<i>continued</i>)	
Monday, 2 September, afternoon	Argentina	Seventh periodic report (CRC/C/ARG/7)
Tuesday, 3 September, morning	Argentina (<i>continued</i>)	
Tuesday, 3 September, afternoon	Israel	Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports (CRC/C/ISR/5-6)
Wednesday, 4 September, morning	Israel (<i>continued</i>)	
Wednesday, 4 September, afternoon	Armenia	Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports (CRC/C/ARM/5-6)
Thursday, 5 September, morning	Armenia (<i>continued</i>)	

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 competent bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

The Committee welcomes the opportunity to further strengthen its cooperation with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and will welcome the participation of the Chairperson of that Committee in the formal opening of the ninety-seventh session. A memorandum of understanding will be signed by the two committees.

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 procedures to be followed in the consideration of reports of States parties and the follow-up to those reports. In particular, the Committee will continue with the implementation of its decision No. 18 of 2 February 2023, in which it decided that the simplified reporting procedure was the standard reporting procedure for periodic reports under the Convention and for initial reports under the Optional Protocols thereto, which it brought into operation in January 2024. 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, including recommendations emanating from the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Chairs of the treaty bodies.

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, including individual communications and inquiries. On 2 September, the Committee, together with the Permanent Missions of Germany and Slovenia, will hold an event to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Optional Protocol at the Palais des Nations.

8. Day of general discussion

In the light of its decision No. 16 of 19 September 2022, the Committee will continue its discussion concerning the process of integrating days of general discussion into the process of developing general comments, with particular attention given to the need for consultations on the development of its general comment on children's rights to access to justice and effective remedies.

9. General comments

The Committee will continue its work on its new general comment on children's rights to access to justice and effective remedies.

10. Future sessions

The Committee will consider any developments relating to the schedule of its future sessions, in particular with regard to the impact of the current liquidity crisis in relation to the regular budget.

11. Other matters

The Committee will discuss any other matters relating to its work, as necessary.
