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Chairperson: Mr. Doek

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The second part (public) of the meeting was called to order at 12.40 p.m.

Adoption of the Report of the Committee on its Forty-Fourth Session (CRC/C/44/3)

1. The Chairperson recalled that the Committee had adopted concluding observations on initial reports under the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict from Costa Rica and Kyrgyzstan (CRC/C/OPSC/CRI/CO/1 and CRC/C/OPAC/CRI/CO/1, and CRC/C/OPSC/KGZ/CO/1 and CRC/C/OPAC/KGZ/CO/1), concluding observations on the initial report of Malaysia on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC/C/MYS/CO/1), which was submitted 10 years late, concluding observations on the second periodic reports of Kenya, Mali, Suriname and the Marshall Islands (CRC/C/KEN/CO/2, CRC/C/MLI/CO/2, CRC/C/SUR/CO/2 and CRC/C/MHL/CO/2), the latter having been considered in the absence of a delegation, and concluding observations on the third periodic reports of Chile and Honduras (CRC/C/CHL/CO/3 and CRC/C/HND/CO/3).

2. The Committee had also examined and adopted general comment No. 10 (CRC/C/GC/10) on children's rights in juvenile justice and the framework of the day of general discussion on article 4 of the Convention on 21 September 2007.

3. **The Chairperson** said that if there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the report on its forty-fourth session (CRC/C/44/3).

4. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

5. **The Chairperson** thanked the outgoing committee members, Ms. Ouedraogo, Ms. Anderson and Mr. Liwski, for their hard work and dedication. He too was standing down from the Committee and noted that the eight years he had spent as a member, including six as Chairperson, had been most enriching. He thanked the institutions and bodies of the United Nations which contributed to the Committee's work, especially the United Nations Children's Fund, whose help was invaluable. He thanked the non-governmental organizations which were very active on the ground and helped the Committee with their "parallel" reports. Even though the States parties were still primarily responsible for implementing the Convention they would be unable to perform that task without the unceasing work of civil society organizations. Finally the Chairperson thanked the Secretariat, without which the Committee would not be able to discharge its mandate successfully.

6. **Ms. Connors** (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) thanked the Chairperson and the other outgoing members on behalf of the Secretariat for their dedication to the cause of children's rights. The Committee on the Rights of the Child was distinguished by its team spirit and innovative working methods.

7. **The Chairperson** thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the Committee's forty-fourth session.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.