



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Distr.: General
8 April 2013

Original: English

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Sixty-third session

27 May–14 June 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. The sixty-third session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 27 May to 14 June 2013. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 27 May at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-third session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 39 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which lists the reports that will be before the Committee at its sixty-third session.
5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 12 October 2012.

*Late submission.

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Submission of reports by States parties.
4. Consideration of reports of States parties.
5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.
6. Methods of work of the Committee and treaty-body strengthening.
7. Days of general discussion.
8. General comments.
9. Future sessions.
10. Other matters.

Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Organizational matters

(a) Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the newly elected members of the Committee will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully and conscientiously and observe the principles of independence and impartiality of the human rights treaty bodies adopted by the Committee.”

(b) Election of officers

In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention and rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members officers of the Committee for a term of two years.

(c) Adoption of programme of work

The Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

3. Submission of reports by States parties

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-third session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), and

reports included in the provisional agenda for the sixty-second session (CRC/C/62/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Brazil	2007	CRC/C/BRA/2-4
Maldives	2011	CRC/C/MDV/4-5

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Brazil	2006	CRC/C/OPAC/BRA/1
Madagascar	2006	CRC/C/OPAC/MDG/1
Honduras	2004	CRC/C/OPAC/HND/1

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

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Honduras	2004	CRC/C/OPSC/HND/1
Latvia	2008	CRC/C/OPSC/LVA/1
Madagascar	2006	CRC/C/OPSC/MDG/1

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 and the initial and periodic reports due under the Optional Protocols can be found in the document on the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/63/2). This document also indicates exceptional measures granted by the Committee to States parties that are encountering problems in complying with the strict time frame for submission of reports established by the Convention in article 44, paragraph 1, or the consideration of whose reports has been delayed.

4. Consideration of reports of States parties

A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the sixty-third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson 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>Agenda item</i>	<i>State party</i>
Tuesday, 28 May	10 a.m.	4	Guinea-Bissau CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Guinea-Bissau CRC (continued)
Wednesday, 29 May	10 a.m.	4	Armenia CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Armenia CRC (continued)
Thursday, 30 May	10 a.m.	4	Armenia OPSC/OPAC
	3 p.m.	4	Rwanda CRC
Friday, 31 May	10 a.m.	4	Rwanda CRC (continued)
	3 p.m.	4	Rwanda OPSC/OPAC
Monday, 3 June	10 a.m.	4	Israel CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Israel CRC (continued)
Tuesday, 4 June	10 a.m.	4	Uzbekistan CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Uzbekistan CRC (continued)
Wednesday, 5 June	10 a.m.	4	Uzbekistan OPSC/OPAC
Thursday 6 June	10 a.m.	4	Slovenia CRC
	3 a.m.	4	Slovenia CRC (continued)

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.

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 Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the sixty-third session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend these meetings of the Committee.

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

Under this item, the Committee will pursue 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

Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up. In particular, the Committee will continue its discussion on issues related to its methods of work, including the format and content of the Committee's concluding observations, following recommendations from its June 2012 retreat in Sion, Switzerland. The Committee will also continue its discussion on the work done by its focal group on the treaty-body strengthening process. With respect to the latter, the Committee will have at its disposal the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the strengthening of the human rights treaty bodies (A/66/860).

7. Days of general discussion

Under this item, the Committee decided at its sixty-second session to hold its day of general discussion every two years. As decided at its sixty-first session, the theme of the 2014 day of general discussion will be "Media, social networks and the rights of the child". The day of general discussion will be held during the sixty-seventh session at Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 26 September 2014.

8. General comments

Under this item, the Committee will continue work on the draft joint general comment on harmful practices which is being developed with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

9. Future sessions

Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future sessions.

10. Other matters

Under this item, members will discuss any other matters relating to the work of the Committee as considered necessary.