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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of Kuwait (CRC/C/OPSC/KWT/1)

The State party is requested to submit <u>in written form</u> additional and updated information, if possible, before 23 November 2007.

- 1. Please provide (if available) disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age groups, urban/rural areas) for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 on:
- (a) The number of reported cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, with additional information on type of follow-up provided on the outcome of cases, including prosecution, withdrawals and sanctions for perpetrators;
- (b) The number of children trafficked to and from Kuwait as well as trafficked within the country;
- (c) The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance and compensation as indicated in article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Optional Protocol.
- 2. Please provide further information on steps that the State party has taken in order to enact a law on children, including information whether provisions of the Optional Protocol will be fully addressed in such a law.
- 3. Please provide information on measures taken to establish an effective system of data collection on the issues covered by the Optional Protocol.
- 4. Please provide information on specific budget allocations for the implementation of the provisions of the Optional Protocol.

- 5. Please clarify the Optional Protocol's legal status in the State party's legislation.
- 6. Please advise the Committee of any measures adopted to detect and investigate cases of sale of children, child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking.
- 7. Please inform the Committee on whether the State party may establish its jurisdiction over offences referred to in the Optional Protocol in all cases indicated in article 4, and notably when the crime is committed abroad and the victim is a national of Kuwait.
- 8. Please provide information on extradition rules and in particular, on whether the State party applies article 5 of the Optional Protocol, notably its paragraph 2. In particular, please provide information on reciprocity, bilateral or multilateral agreements on extradition and whether or not such agreements have been applied in cases relating to offences under the Optional Protocol.
- 9. Please provide further information on measures taken to protect the rights and interests of child victims of the acts prohibited under the Optional Protocol at all stages of the criminal justice process to ensure that they are not criminalized, and in particular, on the rules and practice concerning the protection of child victims who have to testify in criminal cases.
- 10. Please provide more information on measures taken to strengthen international assistance in connection with investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings brought in respect of the offences covered by the Optional Protocol.
- 11. Please elaborate further on the measures taken to prevent the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol. Please also elaborate on measures, if any, aimed at promoting awareness among the public at large, including children, of the harmful effects of the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol.
- 12. Please provide the Committee with updated information on the social reintegration assistance, as well as physical and psychological recovery measures, available for victims of offences covered by the Optional Protocol and the State budget allocations for this purpose.
- 13. Please indicate whether special training, particularly legal and psychological, is provided to persons working in the area of recovery and social reintegration of child victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol.
