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**Committee on the Rights of the Child**

Concluding observations on the report submitted by under article 8 (1) of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

I. Introduction

1. The Committee considered the report of country (CRC/C/OPAC/XXX/Y) at its number meeting (see CRC/C/SR.XXX), held on date, and adopted the present concluding observations at its number meeting, held on date.

2. The Committee welcomes the submission of the report of the State party and the written replies to the list of issues (CRC/C/OPAC/XXX/Q/Y/Add.1). The Committee expresses appreciation for the constructive dialogue held with the [high-level and] multisectoral delegation of the State party.

3. The Committee reminds the State party that the present concluding observations should be read in conjunction with the concluding observations on the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports submitted by the State party under the Convention (CRC/C/XXX/CO/Y), adopted on date, and on the report of the State party submitted under the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (CRC/C/OPSC/XXX/CO/Y), adopted on date. **[[Exact wording depends on whether the State has ratified OPSC.]]**

II. General observations

Positive aspects [[When there are two or more 12-point subheadings, they should be lettered (A., B., C. etc., as in sect. IX]]

III. General measures of implementation

IV. Prevention

V. Prohibition and related matters

VI. Protection, recovery and reintegration

VII. International assistance and cooperation

4. **The Committee recommends that the State party continue and strengthen its cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross and with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and that it explore increased cooperation with [the United Nations Children’s Fund] [UNICEF] and other United Nations entities for the implementation of the Optional Protocol.**

VIII. Ratification of the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure

5. **The Committee recommends that, in order to further strengthen the fulfilment of children’s rights, the State party ratify the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure.**

IX. Implementation and reporting

A. Follow-up and dissemination

6. **The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate measures to ensure that the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations are fully implemented, including by transmitting them to [entities] for appropriate consideration and further action.**

7. **The Committee recommends that the report and the written replies to the list of issues submitted by the State party and the present concluding observations be made widely available, including through the Internet, to [[exact list may vary]] the public at large, civil society organizations, youth groups, professional groups and children, in order to generate debate on and awareness of the Optional Protocol and its implementation and monitoring.**

B. Next periodic report

8. **In accordance with article 8 (2) of the Optional Protocol, the Committee requests the State party to include further information on the implementation of the Optional Protocol and the present concluding observations in its next periodic report to be submitted in accordance with article 44 of the Convention.**

1. \* Adopted by the Committee at its number session (dates). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)