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

List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the initial report of Slovakia (CRC/C/OPSC/SVK/1)

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 16 November 2012, not exceeding 15 pages.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State Party.

1. Please provide statistical data (disaggregated by sex, age, socio-economic background, ethnic group and urban and rural residence) for 2009, 2010 and 2011 on:

(a) Reports of sale of children (disaggregated by sale for purposes of sexual exploitation, transfer of organs for profit, and forced labour), child prostitution, child pornography and child sex tourism, together with information on the action taken in response to these reports, in particular prosecutions brought and penalties imposed;

(b) The number of children trafficked into, out of and within the territory of the State party for purposes of sale, prostitution or pornography as defined in article 3, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol, together with action taken in response, in particular the number of prosecutions brought and the type of penalties imposed for each conviction; and

(c) The number of child victims provided with recovery assistance or compensation in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol.

2. Please provide information on the progress made to develop a centralized data collection system for cases of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography with a view to ensuring a coordinated data collection system for agencies involved in child protection matters related to the Optional Protocol.

3. Please indicate what activities have been conducted to raise awareness and disseminate the Optional Protocol among the general public, relevant professional groups working with and for children, and among children.

4. Please indicate whether there is a government body or agency which is responsible for coordination of activities under the Optional Protocol, including monitoring and evaluation.
5. Please indicate whether the National Action Plan for Children for 2009-2012 (see para. 75 of the report) and the National Program on Combating People Trafficking for 2008-2010 (see para. 78 of the report) contain targets, indicators, goals and budgetary allocations to address the situation of child victims of offences under the Optional Protocol.
6. Please inform the Committee of the status of the Public Defender of Rights and of whether there have been any cases initiated on behalf of any children who may have been victims of one of the offences criminalized in the Optional Protocol.
7. Please provide information on whether the criminal code defines and prohibits all offences as required in articles 2 and 3 of the Optional Protocol.
8. With reference to paragraph 45 of the State report, please indicate whether, in accordance with article 8 of the Optional Protocol, the Code of Criminal Procedure contains appropriate measures to protect the rights and interests of child victims between the ages of 15 and 18 of the offences prohibited under the Optional Protocol. Please clarify whether children between the ages of 15 and 18 fall under the definition of “protected persons” under the Criminal Code. Please also indicate what measures are being taken to ensure that children who are victims of sale, prostitution, and pornography do not face the risk of prosecution but are treated as victims throughout the legal process.
9. Please inform the Committee of the measures taken to pay particular attention to children who are especially vulnerable to becoming victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol, especially Roma children, children living in poverty, unaccompanied children, and children who have run away from care institutions. Please indicate whether there is a mechanism in place in the State party to identify, detect and monitor children at risk of becoming victims of any of the offences under the Optional Protocol.
10. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to provide assistance to victims of offences under the Optional Protocol in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol. In particular, please indicate what measures have been taken to ensure the social reintegration, physical and psychological recovery, and compensation to victims of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
11. Please also provide information on whether the State party is able to establish extraterritorial jurisdiction for offences under the Optional Protocol.
