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Consideration of reports of State parties

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the consolidated third to fifth periodic reports of Cameroon

The State party is requested to submit in writing any additional, updated information (10,700 words maximum), if possible before 23 February 2017. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

Part I

1. Please inform the Committee of the efforts made by the State party to speed up the adoption and entry into force of the law on the Civil Code.
2. Please give the current definition of the child included in the legislation of the State party. With reference to paragraph 53 of the report of the State party, please provide information on situations where a child reaches majority before the age of 18. Please also indicate the steps taken to combat child marriages.
3. Please inform the Committee of any legislative and practical measures taken or under consideration to eliminate discrimination against girls, children born out of wedlock, children with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex children, refugee or asylum-seeking children, internally displaced children, albino children and indigenous children.
4. Please provide detailed information regarding steps taken to combat poverty among children, including among those deprived of a family environment and those in a vulnerable situation.
5. Please inform the Committee of measures taken by the State party to remedy the underlying causes of violence, including sexual violence, against girls and to ensure that perpetrators of such violence are prosecuted and punished. Please indicate the measures taken to abolish any legislative provision that enables a rapist to be acquitted by marrying

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his victim. Please also indicate by what means victims may access assistance and rehabilitation services.

6. Please provide information on steps taken to combat torture and inhuman or degrading treatment, and to investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of such acts. Please also inform the Committee of measures taken or envisaged to introduce a total ban on corporal punishment.

7. Please provide detailed information on measures envisaged to step up the fight against harmful practices such as female genital mutilation and so-called “breast ironing”, and the human, technical and financial resources allocated for that purpose.

8. Please list measures taken to:

- (a) Eliminate bullying, violence and sexual abuse in schools;
- (b) Eliminate geographical disparities in terms of access to education;
- (c) Reduce the school dropout rate;
- (d) Guarantee that primary education is effectively free of charge;
- (e) Ensure that every school has separate latrines for girls and boys;
- (f) Guarantee access to school for children not included in the civil registry.

Please also explain the reasons for the growing number of private schools.

9. With reference to paragraph 186 of the State party’s report, please provide further information on action taken to raise awareness of, reintegrate and rehabilitate children who have been victims of forced labour and economic exploitation.

10. Please indicate the measures taken to identify the root causes of the phenomenon of children living in the streets and to prevent it. Please also provide information on measures taken to prevent child prostitution, including among street children, and to stop the trafficking of children and children’s organs, and to ensure that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished.

11. Please comment on reports that children may be brought to justice under antiterrorist legislation. Please indicate what is done to ensure that children are detained separately from adults and whether the State party is considering setting up juvenile courts. Please also indicate what measures are being taken to improve living conditions in prisons and to ensure that children whose age cannot be determined are not treated as adults.

12. With regard to the increase in the rate of abduction, recruitment and use of children, particularly girls, as human bombs or human shields by the terrorist group Boko Haram, please indicate what prevention measures have been taken or envisaged by the State party and the efforts made to bring those responsible to justice. Please provide information on steps taken to rehabilitate and reintegrate victims within their families and communities.

Part II

13. The State party is invited to briefly (three pages maximum) update the information provided in its report with regard to:

- (a) New bills or enacted legislation and their respective enforcement regulations;
- (b) New institutions and their terms of reference, and institutional reforms;
- (c) Newly implemented policies, programmes and plans of action and their scope and financing;

- (d) Newly ratified human rights instruments.

Part III

Data, statistics and other information, where available

14. Please provide budgetary information for the past three years on budget lines allocated for children and social sectors, particularly with regard to health, education and social services, expressing each budget line as a percentage of the total national budget and gross domestic product, and indicating geographical distribution.

15. Please provide updated statistical data for the past three years, disaggregated by age, sex, ethnicity, national origin, religion, geographic location and socioeconomic status, regarding:

- (a) Birth registration;
- (b) Child marriages;
- (c) Pregnancies and maternal mortality among girls and adolescents;
- (d) The number of cases of abuse and violence against children, including in the form of corporal punishment, with additional information on the type of assistance offered to child victims and the follow-up given to such cases, including prosecution of the perpetrators and the sentences handed down;
- (e) Cases of sexual violence and rape perpetrated against children that have been investigated and the outcome of trials concerning such cases, including the sentences handed down, the reparations offered to victims, and any instances of perpetrators having been acquitted as a result of marrying their victims;
- (f) Children suffering from malnutrition;
- (g) Children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and those enjoying access to antiretroviral therapies;
- (h) The number of children and adolescents using drugs and the treatments available to them, as well as the number of children enjoying access to mental health facilities and ambulatory services in that respect;
- (i) Asylum-seeking and refugee children, including unaccompanied minors;
- (j) The number of children recruited by armed groups, as well as the number of children used as human bombs and human shields;
- (k) The number of children currently detained on charges of associating with the terrorist group Boko Haram;
- (l) The number of cases of female genital mutilation, indicating the follow-up given to such cases, the sentences handed down against perpetrators and the reparations and compensation available to victims;
- (m) The number of male or female excisers who have been offered State party support to find alternative sources of income.

16. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic category, geographic location and nationality, concerning children deprived of a family environment, and please indicate for the last three years the number of children:

- (a) Separated from their parents;
- (b) Living in a household headed by a child;

(c) Placed in an institution (disaggregated according to the duration of placement);

(d) Placed in a host family;

(e) Adopted within the country or abroad.

17. Please provide data for the past three years, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, ethnicity and geographic location, on the number of children with disabilities:

(a) Living in their families;

(b) Placed in an institution;

(c) Attending a regular primary school;

(d) Attending a regular secondary school;

(e) Attending a special school;

(f) Not attending school at all;

(g) Abandoned by their families.

18. Please provide data for the past three years disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, religion, geographic location and ethnicity, regarding school enrolment rates (by sex and percentage) of the relevant age groups in primary and secondary schools.

19. Please provide data for the past three years, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, socioeconomic background, ethnicity, rural/urban population and geographic location, concerning the number of children:

(a) Working in the formal or informal sector of the economy (disaggregated by type of work, including dangerous work);

(b) Involved in forced begging;

(c) Living in the street;

(d) Victims of human trafficking (please specify the purpose of the trafficking);

(e) Victims of sale (please specify the purpose of the sale);

(f) Victims of prostitution;

(g) Victims of child pornography.

20. Please provide the Committee with an update of any data in the report which may have been superseded by more recent data or affected by new developments.

21. In addition, the State party is invited to specify the issues affecting children that it considers to have priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.
