

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Simplified Reporting Procedure

Information note for States parties

In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/68/268 entitled “strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” in which it encourages the human rights treaty bodies and States parties to use a simplified reporting procedure to facilitate the preparation of States parties’ reports and the constructive dialogue on the implementation of their treaty obligations.

Under the simplified reporting procedure, the Committee on the Rights of the Child (the Committee) sends the State party a request for specific information, known as List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR) containing up to 30 questions. The State party’s replies to the LOIPR constitute the State party’s report to the Committee, the word limit of 21.200 words for the report being the same as under the standard procedure. Differently from the standard reporting procedure, under the LOIPR States parties are no longer required to submit to the Committee both a State party report and written replies to a list of issues, thus reducing the two reporting steps to one.

The LOIPR asks the State party about measures and developments relating to the implementation of the Convention, and the two Optional Protocols if an integrated report. It also allows the State party to mention any other issue it considers relevant.

The Committee has made the simplified reporting procedure available to States parties whose periodic reports are due from 1 September 2019 onwards through quarterly invitations. The first invitation was sent in November 2016 to States parties due to report between September and December 2019. A second invitation was sent in March 2017 to States parties due to report between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2020, and the ensuing invitations will follow the same formula.

At its pre-sessional working group in June 2018, the Committee will issue LOIPR to the States parties that have decided to avail themselves of this procedure based on the first round of invitations: Croatia and Hungary. These States parties are required to send their report one year later, by 1 June 2019. In January 2020, at its 83rd session, the Committee will hold the constructive dialogue with these States parties and issue its concluding observations (COBs). The first iteration of the simplified reporting procedure will take place in the following manner:

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