

Cambodia's record on children's rights to be reviewed by UN Committee

GENEVA (6 January 2015) –Cambodia's record on preventing the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography will be reviewed by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on Monday 12 January and Tuesday 13 January. The CRC will also examine Cambodia's record on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Cambodia has ratified two legal instruments known as Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child – one on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the other on the involvement of children in armed conflict – and so is required to undergo regular examination by the Committee.

Among the possible issues to be discussed by the CRC and the delegation from the Cambodian Government are: protection of children from sex tourism exploitation; sexual abuse of children in orphanages set up by foreigners; efforts to prosecute and convict foreign offenders; availability of child pornography on the Internet; measures to ensure birth registration and to establish age verification system; removal of landmines and unexploded ordinance in areas of previous armed conflict.

The list of issues and Cambodia's report can be found here:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=825&Lang=en

The CRC's concluding observations on Cambodia and the other countries being reviewed – Turkmenistan, Gambia, Jamaica, Colombia, Switzerland, Dominican Republic, Sweden, Mauritius, Tanzania, Uruguay and Iraq - will be published on 4 February here:

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<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>

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

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/OPSCCRC.aspx>

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/OPACCRRC.aspx>

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