

Country session: Russia
Date of session: 22nd May 2018

Background information

[OHCHR press release](#)

[Webcast](#)

Audio file

Reporting

Reporting methodology

Regular reporting procedure

Simplified reporting procedure

Concluding Observations with urgent measures

State report:

| Common core document | |
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| Initial submission | 22 Oct 1992 |
| Updated document | - |
| Annexes | - |

| CRC | | OPAC | | OPSC | |
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| No. of report | 3 rd | No. of report | - | No. of report | 1 st |
| Due date | 2001 | Due date | - | Due date | 24 Oct 2015 |
| Submission | 15 Nov 2004 | Submission | - | Submission | 02 Jun 2016 |

| Written replies | |
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| Submission | <u>9 Nov 2017</u> |
| Due date | |

Public reports from children's rights defenders

| Alternative reports | |
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| NGOs | • ECPAT |
| NHRIs | None |

Additional comments:



State delegation

The delegation was very large and composed by high level staff. It was headed by Igor Zubov, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs accompanied by staff from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Communications and Mass Media.

Committee's Task Force members

| Name & Last Name | Country |
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| Hatem Kotrane | Tunisia |
| Clarence Nelson | Samoa |

Dialogue description

i. Character of the dialogue

The atmosphere was dynamic but with several moments of tension between the delegation and Committee members. The quality of the dialogue was more political rather than technical or focused.

ii. General assessment made by the Committee

The Committee was worried about the lack of overall progress in operationalizing the OPSC protocol. The main area of concern was the lack of clear monitoring mechanism to oversight children online.

iii. Main issues discussed:

- **Data collection:** The committee mentioned that they could not find data on children victims of violence, especially migrant children, including the data related to psychosocial support. The delegation replied that they have a dedicated organism to survey the data, affirming that they do not differentiate between migrant children and the others.
- **Strategy to implement:** The Committee questioned the delegation about the current national plan on violence against children, asking whether they have incorporated the recommendations on the OPSC.
- **Monitoring:** The Committee questioned the delegation whether it existed a central authority to coordinate activities related to the OPSC. The Committee showed concern over the Commissary for the Children Defender which in their opinion lacked experience and confidentiality.
- **Diffusion and sensitization:** The Committee commended the progress of the Russian government in mainstreaming the CRC, but showed concern over the situation about the OPSC. They have questioned whether workers of the educational system and the justice system were being trained on the protocol.
- **Enforcement of laws:** The Committee questioned the delegation about information on enforcement, in terms of numbers of prosecution and its results.
- **Reintegration of victims:** The Committee questioned the delegation whether the victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation received the necessary social and psychological support. The delegation has highlighted that they have advanced greatly on the topic, high lightening that all commissioners passes through trainings and their capabilities tested.
- **World cup and sexual exploitation:** The Committee was worried with the possibility of multiplication of sexual abuse cases against children and asked which preventive measures to have been taken to avoid it. The



delegation has replied that they have experience in organizing events and that child prostitution was not linked to big events.

Recommendations of the Committee

In its [Concluding Observations](#), the Committee drew attention to the need of **urgent measures** concerning the following 6 areas:

Data Collection: The Committee urges the State party to: Develop and implement a comprehensive and systematic data collection system, including for analysis, monitoring and impact assessment, covering all offences and areas provided for in the Optional Protocol and all territories of the State party; Disaggregate the data collected, inter alia, by sex, age, nationality, ethnic origin, socioeconomic background, disability and geographical area with a focus on children at specific risk of becoming victims of the offences covered by the Protocol such as children accompanying their migrant families and/or unaccompanied child migrants.

Measures adopted to prevent offences prohibited under the Protocol: The Committee urges the State party to strengthen its efforts to identify and detect children at risk of falling victims to offences under the Optional Protocol, especially among migrants, asylum seeking and refugee children, children in places of detention, children in closed institutions, children with disabilities and children in mental health hospitals.

Sexual exploitation of children: It furthermore urges the State party to apply appropriate penalties on the perpetrators of the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism

Sustainable Development Goals

Next State report

| CRC | |
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| No. of report | 2 nd |
| Due date | 24 Oct 2026 |

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