**Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**Simplified Reporting Procedure**

**Information note for stakeholders**

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 to the State party a request for specific information, known as List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR) containing up to 30 questions.

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. The State party’s replies to the LOIPR constitute the State party’s report to the Committee.

The Committee cooperates with a range of non-State party stakeholders (stakeholders) who submit written reports on the situation of children’s rights in a State party. These can be non-governmental organisations (NGOs), children’s own organisations, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), UN agencies, and others such as academics, researchers and civil society organizations. The Committee works closely with the network organisation [Child Rights Connect](https://www.childrightsconnect.org/) in its interaction with NGOs and NHRIs.

Contributions for the preparation of LOIPRs

The written reports from stakeholders can be comprehensive (maximum 10.000 words) or thematic (maximum 3.000 words). Submissions from children’s own organisations can use other communication formats and, when in writing do not have a word limit. Comprehensive reports should follow the cluster format of the Convention on the Rights of the Child but may also be cross-cutting.

The reports should identify emerging trends and highlight key issues to be included in the LOIPR, which may or may not be related to the previous concluding observations (COBs). The reports should propose a set of questions with contextual information on the issues raised and statistical data, where relevant and available. Reports from NGOs and NHRI should be submitted electronically through the Child Rights Connect website at this [link](http://www.childrightsconnect.org/upload-session-reports/).

Reports should clearly state whether they are confidential or public. If public, they will be posted on the Committee’s website.

When States parties opt in for the simplified reporting procedure, they will be listed under “List of Issues Prior to Reporting” on the Committee’s website for the pre-sessional working group.

Once the Committee decides to issue a LOIPR, stakeholders are requested to submit their reports three months before the Committee adopts the LOIPR. The State party is requested to submit its replies to the LOIPR (the State party report) one year after the adoption of the LOIPR.

Contributions for the preparation of the constructive dialogue

When the State party’s report is received stakeholders may submit reports or comments on the State party’s report as well as questions for the constructive dialogue and proposed recommendations for the State party. Reports are due one month before the Committee’s pre-sessional working group.

The reports can be comprehensive (maximum 20.000 words) or thematic (maximum 6.000 words). Submissions from children’s own organisations can use multiple formats and, when in writing do not have a word limit.

Differently from the standard reporting procedure where the pre-sessional working group takes place six months before the session, under the simplified reporting procedure, the pre-sessional working group takes place three months before the session. The Committee will invite children’s organisations and selected stakeholders to participate in the pre-sessional working group and hold an in-depth discussion of their submissions.

All are invited to observe the Committee’s constructive dialogue with the State party during the session, in Geneva or through webcasting available [here](http://webtv.un.org/).

The calendar for the review of State party’s under the simplified reporting procedure is available here. (LINK TO THE PAGE)

4 months

before the session

3 months

before the session

6 months

before the session

18 months

before the session

22 months

before the session