**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.

Differently from the standard reporting procedure, under the simplified reporting procedure States parties are no longer required to submit to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (the Committee) both a report and written replies to a list of issues.

Instead, under the simplified reporting procedure, 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. As under the standard reporting procedure, the word limit for the State party’s report is 21.200 words.

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 simplified reporting procedure is not used for initial reports). 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 follow the same formula.

States parties deciding not to use the simplified reporting procedure are reviewed under the standard reporting procedure and submit their report in accordance to the [Treaty-specific guidelines regarding the form and content of periodic reports](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC/C/58/REV.3&Lang=en) to be submitted by States parties under article 44, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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