

## INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

### **Morning /afternoon meetings**

- The meeting for CRC lasts 6 hours: in the morning from **10:00 to 13:00** and in the afternoon from **15:00 to 18:00**.
- The Head of the delegation will open the meeting with an **introductory statement** (10-15 minutes maximum) describing the latest information available on the situation of children's rights in the country under CRC and/or, when relevant, also under the Optional protocols. The statement should be available in hardcopy at the latest 15 minutes before the beginning of the meeting to be shared with the interpreters. An electronic copy should be sent to the CRC Secretariat ([crc@ohchr.org](mailto:crc@ohchr.org)) to be posted on the CRC webpage.
- After the delegation's introduction, the CRC Country rapporteur(s) will open the floor for **questions**, followed by the rest of the Committee [alternatively, members of the Country Task Force will ask all questions]. The format of the dialogue will follow the clusters of rights identified by the Committee (please see attachment). The **first round of questions** will cover Clusters number 1 (general measures of implementation), 2 (definition of the child), 3 (general principles), 4 (civil rights and freedoms) and 5 (violence against children).
- At the end of the first round of questions (around 11:00), the session will take a **pause of 15 minutes** and the delegation can meet in a nearby room (available the whole day) to organise their replies according to the clusters.
- After the pause, the delegation will start **replying to the questions**. As this is an interactive dialogue, all members of the Committee may ask follow-up questions also while the delegation is replying.
- At 12:30, the Committee will ask the **second round of questions** on the remaining four clusters: cluster 6 (family environment and alternative care), 7 (disability, basic health and welfare), 8 (education, leisure and cultural activities) and 9 (special protection measures) + follow-up of the concluding observations under OPSC/OPAC if the State party has already submitted its initial report. The morning session ends at 13:00.
- The delegation has two hours (between 13:00-15:00) to organise their replies according to the new four clusters as well as the pending replies for the first five clusters, which were not covered in the morning. A room will be available for the delegation during the whole day.
- The afternoon session resumes at 15:00. The delegation will reply to the new questions and will finish replying to the pending questions left from the first round of questions, if these were not all covered in the morning.
- When the **dialogue ends** (at the latest at 17:45), the CRC Country Rapporteur/Coordinator of the Country Task Force will deliver a summary of his/her key observations.

- The Head of the delegation has then five minutes maximum for the final remarks. The afternoon session ends at 18:00.
- For pending replies after the dialogue, the State party has 48 hours for sending additional information in a concise format.

### Afternoon /Morning meetings

- The meeting for CRC will last 6 hours: it starts in the afternoon from **15:00 to 18:00** and ends the next morning from **10:00 to 13:00**.
- The Head of the delegation will open the meeting with an introductory statement (10-15 minutes maximum) describing the latest information available on the situation of children's rights in the country under CRC and, when relevant, also under the Optional protocols. The statement should be available in hardcopy at the latest 15 minutes before the beginning of the meeting to be shared with the interpreters. An electronic copy should be sent to the CRC Secretariat ([crc@ohchr.org](mailto:crc@ohchr.org)) to be posted on the CRC webpage.
- After the delegation's introduction, the CRC Country rapporteur(s) will open the floor for questions, followed by the rest of the Committee [alternatively, members of the Country Task Force will ask all questions]. The format of the dialogue will follow the clusters of rights identified by the Committee (please see attachment). The **first round of questions** will cover Clusters number 1 (general measures of implementation), 2 (definition of the child), 3 (general principles), 4 (civil rights and freedoms) and 5 (violence against children).
- At the end of the first round of questions (around 16:00), the session will take a **pause of 15 minutes** and the delegation can meet in a nearby room (available the whole time of the dialogue) to organise their replies according to the clusters.
- After the pause, the delegation will start **replying to the questions**. As this is an interactive dialogue, all members of the Committee may ask follow-up questions also while the delegation is replying.
- At 17:30, the Committee will ask the **second round of questions** on the remaining four clusters: cluster 6 (family environment and alternative care), 7 (disability, basic health and welfare), 8 (education, leisure and cultural activities) and 9 (special protection measures) + follow-up of the concluding observations under OPSC/OPAC if the State party has already submitted its initial report(s). The afternoon session will end at 18:00.
- The delegation has the whole night to organise their replies according to the new four clusters as well as the pending replies for the first five clusters, which were not covered in the previous afternoon.
- The session resumes at 10:00 of the following morning. The delegation will reply to the new questions and will finish replying to the pending questions left from the first round of questions, if these were not all covered in the previous afternoon.

- When the **dialogue ends** (at the latest at 12:45), the CRC Country Rapporteur/Coordinator of the Country Task Force will deliver a summary of his/her key observations.
- The Head of the delegation has then five minutes maximum for the final remarks. The morning session ends at 13:00.
- For pending replies after the dialogue, the State party has 48 hours for sending additional information in a concise format.

### **CRC Optional Protocols (OPSC/OPAC)**

- The format of the beginning (introductory statement by the Head of the Delegation) and the end of the dialogue (summary of key observations by Rapporteur/Coordinator of Country Task Force and final remarks by Head of Delegation) is the same as in the CRC part.
- If only **one Optional Protocol** (one meeting): questions at the beginning of the meeting;
- If **two Optional Protocols** (two meetings): questions for the second OP at the end of the first meeting;
- If **Optional Protocol combined with CRC review** (three meetings):
  - OP questions at the end of second meeting
  - End of the dialogue (summary by Rapporteur/Coordinator of Country Task Force and final remarks by Head of Delegation) for **both CRC and OPs** at the end of the third meeting.

### **Webcast**

- It is possible to follow the review live by webcast. The interactive dialogue can be followed by webcast on: <http://webtv.un.org/live/>