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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

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### **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict**

#### **List of issues concerning additional and updated information related to the consideration of the initial report of Slovakia (CRC/C/OPAC/SVK/1)**

**The State Party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated  
information, if possible, before 16 November 2012, not exceeding 15 pages.**

*The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional  
Protocol during the dialogue with the State Party.*

1. While chapter twelve of the State party's criminal code criminalises "offenses against humanity and war criminal offenses" (see para. 62 of the report), please clarify whether there are provisions in the State party's legislation that specifically criminalize recruitment of children under 18 years of age by non-state armed forces, armed groups, and private security companies.
2. In addition to measures referred to in paragraph 15 of the report, please provide information on measures taken to disseminate information on the Optional Protocol among relevant professionals, the general public, and children.
3. Please provide information on training programmes on the provisions of the Optional Protocol for personnel from the State party who serve in NATO and UN peacekeeping missions.
4. Please provide disaggregated data, including by sex, age, and country of origin, covering the period 2006-2010, on the number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children who are present in the State party who may have been involved in armed conflicts abroad. Furthermore, please explain whether there are mechanisms in place to identify those children in order to provide them with physical and psychological assistance and social reintegration.
5. Please indicate whether the State party's legislation prohibits the export of arms, including small arms and light weapons, as well as military assistance to countries where children are known to be or could be recruited or used in armed conflict and/or hostilities in accordance with article 7(1) of the Optional Protocol. Please also indicate what measures have been taken by the State party to prevent and punish any illegal trafficking of arms to

countries where children are known to be or could be recruited or used in armed conflicts and/or hostilities.

6. Please provide information on whether there is extraterritorial jurisdiction for crimes covered under the Optional Protocol.

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