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Consideration of reports of States parties**List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Tajikistan under article 12 (1) of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**

The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information (10,700 words maximum), if possible before 16 June 2017. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party.

1. Please inform the Committee on whether the national courts have invoked the rights contained in the Optional Protocol and please clarify if all forms of sale of children, covered in articles 2(a) and 3, paragraph 1 (a)(i) (b) and (c) of the Optional Protocol have been explicitly defined and criminalized with penalties proportionate to the gravity of these crimes.
2. With reference to paragraph 11 of the State party report, please clarify how effective coordination for implementing the Optional Protocol is ensured among the numerous government departments and agencies that are responsible for various laws, policies and programmes. Please provide information on the efforts made to establish a centralized system of data collection that covers all offences under the Optional Protocol.
3. Please provide statistical data, disaggregated by sex, age, nationality, socioeconomic background, and urban or rural location, for the past three years, on the number of reported cases, and number of child victims, of all the offences covered in the Optional Protocol who received physical, psychosocial, and compensation assistance, as well as of children trafficked from, to or through the State party and children trafficked within the country.
4. Please provide information on the measures taken to prevent children in vulnerable situations, such as children deprived of family environment, children in street situations, refugee and asylum-seeking children, children who abuse drugs and working children from falling victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, and the efforts made to ensure access to justice to all child victims of offences covered by the Optional Protocol.
5. Please inform the Committee on the measures taken to raise awareness and implement its legislation against child marriage and measures to eliminate the practice of

girls marrying below the age of 18 years through religious “nikoh” marriages, which might amount to sale of children.

6. Please provide information on the measures taken to prevent sale, child prostitution and child pornography, especially caused by the high levels of poverty in the country and the mass labour migration of men abroad, leaving behind children in vulnerable situations.

7. Please provide information on the impact and implementation of the 2014 Law on Counteracting Trafficking in Persons and Providing Support to Victims of Trafficking in Persons and the measures taken to protect children who have been trafficked abroad. Please explain the steps that have been taken to ensure that all cases of trafficking in children are investigated, prosecuted, and that offenders are given appropriate sentences.

8. Please elaborate on the measures taken to protect the rights and interests of child victims and witnesses of crimes under the Optional Protocol at all stages of criminal proceedings. Please also indicate the measures taken to ensure that child victims of offences under the Optional Protocol are treated as victims in need of recovery, reintegration, and compensation and not treated as criminals.

9. Please clarify whether the legislation of the State party establishes extraterritorial jurisdiction over all the offences under the Optional Protocol. Please also indicate whether the Optional Protocol can be used as a basis for extradition in the absence of bilateral extradition agreements.
