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List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of Argentina (CRC/C/OPSC/ARG/1)

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights contained in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party. The present list of issues covers only some priority questions on which the Committee would like additional information before the dialogue.

The State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 30 April 2010.

1. Please provide statistics (disaggregated by sex, age and urban or rural area) for 2007, 2008 and 2009 on the following:

(a) The number of reports of the sale of children, child prostitution¹ and the use of children in pornography, along with additional information on the type of follow-up provided for the outcome of the cases, including prosecution and sanctions for perpetrators;

(b) The number of child victims who have received assistance for their social reintegration, for their physical and psychological recovery or for the recovery of their identity, or who have received compensation, in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Optional Protocol. Please indicate differences that may exist between the assistance provided for children who are or who are presumed to be nationals of the State party and for those who are not nationals or whose nationality is unknown.

2. Please inform the Committee about the role played by and the mandate of the Under-Secretariat for the Rights of the Child, Adolescents and Family in respect of the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking.²

¹ See the report of Argentina (CRC/C/OPSC/ARG/1), paras. 43 and 264 and following, regarding the special unit for the prosecution of crimes against sexual integrity, human trafficking and child prostitution, of the Office of the Procurator-General of the Nation.

² Ibid, para. 24.

3. Please provide more information on whether there exists a specific institution through which children can gain access to a procedure for lodging complaints related to the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol.
4. Please indicate whether national criminal legislation prohibits improperly inducing consent, as an intermediary, for the adoption of a child in violation of applicable international legal instruments on adoption (art. 3, para. 1, subpara. (a) (ii), of the Optional Protocol).
5. Please inform the Committee whether the State party has taken such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over all the offences referred to in the Optional Protocol, in accordance with article 4. Please indicate whether an adequate budget has been allotted for that purpose, whether staff training has been included and whether a system of victims' services has been set up.
