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Committee on the Rights of the Child**List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Seychelles 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***

1. The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information, of 10,700 words maximum, by 15 October 2026. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party. In the present document, the Committee uses the term "child" to refer to a person who is under 18 years of age.
2. Please provide statistical data, disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographical location and socioeconomic status for the past three years, on the number of:
 - (a) Child victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, including the sale of children for purposes of sexual exploitation, child marriage, transfer of organs for profit or engagement in forced labour, the sexual exploitation of children for prostitution, in particular in the travel and tourism industry, and in the production of child sexual abuse material, including online;
 - (b) Cases reported, prosecutions, convictions and sanctions under the Optional Protocol, disaggregated by the nature of the offence, whether committed online or offline, the profile of the perpetrator, the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim, and the sex and age of the victim;
 - (c) Reports received via the single helpline established in 2021 from children reporting that they are victims of offences covered by the Optional Protocol;¹
 - (d) Victims of offences covered under the Optional Protocol who have been provided with shelter, reintegration and compensation.
3. Please provide updated information about:
 - (a) The body responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Optional Protocol;
 - (b) Provision of training on the Optional Protocol and child rights to all relevant professionals working with and for children, in particular para-professional groups, immigration officers, police, lawyers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, teachers and parliamentarians;
 - (c) Measures to strengthen the role played by civil society organisations, the media, the private sector and the community, in particular children, in the design and implementation of awareness-raising measures and in the decision-making processes related to the implementation of the Optional Protocol.

* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group on 21 April 2026.

¹ CRC/C/SYC/7, para. 219.

4. Please provide information on the measures aimed at prevention of the offences under the Optional Protocol including:

(a) Dissemination of and awareness-raising of relevant professionals, civil society, parents, children and the general public on the provisions of the Optional Protocol and of the harmful consequences of the offences therein;

(b) Legislation and programmes targeting businesses related to information and communication technologies (ICT), the travel and tourism industry and other private actors, to prevent offences under the Optional Protocol which may be facilitated through their services, specifying the outcome of the review of the relevant provisions of the Children Act and the legislative proposals regarding sexual offences and evidence processing²;

(c) Long-term awareness-raising initiatives targeting children and their families intended to prevent children from falling victim to offences under the Optional Protocol and the outcome of these activities, paying particular attention to children who are especially vulnerable to such offences, such as girls, children in street situations, children living in remote areas, LGBT children, children with disabilities, children belonging to minorities and Indigenous groups, children living in poverty and children affected by drug or substance abuse.

5. Please provide updated information about:

(a) The measures taken to define and criminalize the sale of children separately from the offence of human trafficking and clarify whether all the offences covered by the Optional Protocol are defined and classified in the Criminal Code in addition to the information provided in paragraphs 28-30 of the State Party's report,³ with the texts of the articles of the relevant legislation, as well as other laws, policies, by laws, or manuals relevant for the implementation of the Optional Protocol;

(b) The legislative proposal by the Seychelles Child Law Reform Committee to address sexual offences;⁴

(c) The implementation of the Sex Offender Registry, in particular with regard to the assessment process and the identification of risks and limitations of reoffending;⁵

(d) Liability (criminal, civil or administrative) established of legal persons for the offences under the Optional Protocol, including with regard to offences committed with the use of new technologies and in the context of sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism;

(e) Laws providing for the seizure and confiscation of goods used to commit and facilitate the offences under the Optional Protocol and proceeds derived from such offences;

(f) Measures aimed at closing premises used to commit such offences;

(g) Legal frameworks, allowing to request ICT companies to block and remove child sexual abuse material hosted on their servers and financial institutions to block and refuse financial transactions intended to pay for any such offences.

6. Please provide information on laws relating to:

(a) Extraterritorial jurisdiction over the offences under the Optional Protocol;

(b) Extradition of persons accused of having committed offences under the Optional Protocol.

7. Please provide updated information on laws, regulations and measures that guarantee the rights of child victims of the offences under the Optional Protocol to access to justice, including free legal aid; adequate information in child-friendly language; and special protection in all stages of criminal proceedings, particularly for children who were victims

² CRC/C/OPSC/SYC/1, paras. 32 and 34.

³ CRC/C/OPSC/SYC/1, paras. 28-30.

⁴ CRC/C/OPSC/SYC/1, para. 33.

⁵ CRC/C/OPSC/SYC/1, para. 36.

of sexual exploitation in the context of travel and tourism, including with regard to legislative proposals aiming to expand the protection of child victims and witnesses.⁶

8. Please provide information on the steps taken to develop comprehensive and victim-centred methods to early identify children who are victims of, or are at risk of becoming victims of, offences prohibited by the Optional Protocol.

9. Please provide information on the effective remedies for the child victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, including compensation, services for rehabilitation and reintegration, and recovery of child's identity.

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CRC/C/SYC/7, para. 29.