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Consideration of reports of States parties**List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Vanuatu under article 8, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict**

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 Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

1. Please provide information on any steps taken to incorporate the provisions of the Optional Protocol into the domestic law. Please also inform the Committee if the Optional Protocol has been invoked before the courts in the last four years.
2. Please provide information on any measures taken by the State party to disseminate the Optional Protocol and implement awareness-raising programmes. Please also provide information on training activities related to the Optional Protocol for children and professionals working for and with children.
3. Please provide information on the measures taken to address the lack of disaggregated data collection system in the State Party.
4. In view of the fact that not all children are in possession of a birth certificate, please explain what safeguards and practical measures for age verification are in place to prevent children from joining the police force before the age of 18.
5. Please advise whether the State party intends to criminalise the recruitment of children under 18 years old by non-State armed groups in accordance with article 4 of the Optional Protocol.
6. Please provide information on whether the State Party establishes and exercises extraterritorial jurisdiction without the criterion of double criminality over all crimes under the Optional Protocol. Please also advise whether the State Party includes offences under the Optional Protocol in existing or future extradition treaties with other States.