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**Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict: List of issues
to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the
report of EL SALVADOR (CRC/C/OPAC/SLV/1)**

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by sex, age groups, ethnic minority, urban or rural areas) covering the period between 2002 and 2005 on the number and proportion of children under 18 recruited in the armed forces or in the paramilitary forces, including the number of voluntary recruitment.
2. Please provide disaggregated data (by age and sex) covering the period between 2003 and 2006 on recruits sent to Iraq. Please provide information on existing safeguards to ensure that no recruit under the age of 18 is taking a direct part in hostilities.
3. Please inform the Committee on the rules of engagement with regard to the apprehension of underage prisoners of war, particularly with respect to the Iraq theatre of hostilities.
4. Please provide data for 2003-2006 on budget allocations and trends (in percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Protocol, and in particular to the measures adopted with regard to disarmament, demobilization and social reintegration of children victims of activities contrary to the Protocol.

Please also indicate the percentages of these allocations derived from international sources.

5. Please provide information on the legislation concerning voluntary recruitment of children under 18 and protection of children from being engaged in hostilities. In particular, please provide specific information on measures taken to prevent recruitment and use of children in hostilities and to criminalize such practices.

6. Please provide information on the presence in the school curricula of courses about human rights and humanitarian law aiming at strengthening a culture of peace.

7. Please provide information on the number of children who continue to be affected directly or indirectly by the armed conflict, although it ended in 1992:

- a) as displaced persons,
- b) as orphans,
- c) as combatants.

Please provide information on measures taken to implement the 2005 decision of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights in the case of the *Sisters Serrano Cruz vs. El Salvador*, including but not limited to the establishment of a Commission to determine the whereabouts for children who disappeared during the armed conflict.

8. Please provide information on the number of children between 16 and 18 years who died while serving in the army between 2002 and 2005.
