

Review Meeting of the ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Message and Reminders for the Attending NGOs

2017.09.07

1. The International Review Committee for the ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (hereafter referred to as "the Committee") includes: Jakob (Jaap) Egbert Doek (Netherlands), Judith Karp (Israel), Nigel Cantwell (United Kingdom & Switzerland), John Tobin (Australia), Laura Lundy (Ireland). (Please refer to Attachment 1.)
2. Date: November 20 to 24, 2017 (Please refer to Attachment 2)
 - 2.1. Pre-Review Meeting:
 - 2.1.1. Open meeting: 10:30~12:00, November 20, 2017
 - 2.1.2. Closed meeting: 15:30~17:00, November 20, 2017
 - 2.2. Review Meeting: November 21 to 22, 2017
3. Location: The Conference Room, Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei
4. Meeting Arrangements:
 - 4.1. Pre-Review Meeting:
 - 4.1.1. Open Meeting:

A Qualification: Those who have completed registration.

B Rules:

 - a. The session is 90 minutes long, with 45 minutes allocated to members of Legislative Yuan and Control Yuan and 45 minutes allocated to all NGOs. Members of the Committee will adjust the lengths of their presentations as needed.
 - b. NGOs that have submitted their reports will give their presentations during their time slot. There will be no Q&A session. NGOs should keep their presentations brief and concise with only topics that can be shared publicly.
 - c. The number of presenters depends on the number of reports submitted (1 report allows 1 presenter). If 3 (or more) NGOs jointly submit one report, they will be allowed 2 presentations. If 13 (or more) NGOs jointly submit one report, they will be allowed 3 presentations (different presenters are allowed). (Please refer to Attachment 3)

- d. The order of the presentations will be announced by the secretariat of Review Meeting of the ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (hereafter known as "Secretariat) after determined by the Committee.
- e. This session will be video and audio recorded. The transcription of the session will be published. Please do not disclose any information you are legally obligated to keep confidential during this session.

4.1.2. Closed Meeting:

A Qualification: Open only to NGOs that have submitted their reports and completed registration. 3 representatives from each NGO are allowed.

B Rules:

- a. The session is 90 minutes long. NGOs that have submitted their reports will participate in Q&A sessions without giving presentations. Q&A sessions should be brief and concise, please do not disclose any information you are legally obligated to keep confidential during this session.
- b. The Committee will raise questions and after a short break, the NGOs will determine who will respond to these questions and in what order. The Committee will raise follow-up questions based on the preliminary answers.
- c. Video/audio recording and photo taking will not be allowed in this session. Information shared and opinions expressed by all those present should not be made public.

4.2. Review Meeting:

4.2.1. Qualification: Those who have completed the registration. Only government representatives will be allowed to respond to the Committee's questions. Other participants will not be allowed to speak.

4.2.2. Rules: The Committee will review all chapters of the ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and raise questions. One government representative will give a presentation on the entire report in the first session. For the Q&A sessions, one government representative will appoint representatives to respond and answer to the Committee's questions.

4.3. The meeting will follow the agenda and the chairman of the Committee may make adjustments as needed.

5. Report Submission for NGOs: Please refer to the "Report Submission Guidelines for NGOs for ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child" on the website of the CRC website (<http://crc.sfaa.gov.tw>) and the Social and Family Affairs Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare (<http://www.sfaa.gov.tw>).

6. Meeting Information and Registration:

- 6.1. NGOs should register for the meeting via the Internet, fax or email. On-site registration will not be available. Registration website and deadline are to be announced.
- 6.2. Simultaneous interpretation (Chinese to English, sign language) service will be available. Participants requiring sign language interpretation, assistive devices or other assistance should state so upon registration.
- 6.3. Attendees must wear their badges when entering the venue and the live broadcast room. Those without badges will be denied entrance. Open meetings will be broadcasted and streamed live (stream webpage to be announced).
- 6.4. Presenters from the open meeting will have priority in seat reservations for the pre-review meeting. If there are insufficient seats, other attendees will be seated at the live broadcasting room or asked to watch the live stream.
- 6.5. Seats will be reserved first for government representatives in the review meeting. If there are insufficient seats, other attendees will be seated at the live broadcast room or watch the live stream.

7. Others:

- 7.1. This Message and Reminders shall prevail during the meeting. The chairman of the Committee may make adjustments to this Message and Reminders when necessary.
- 7.2. Updates will be available on the CRC website and the website of the Social and Family Affairs Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare.

8. Meeting Secretary: Social and Family Affairs Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare.

9. Contact Information:

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Attachment1


International Review Committee of the Review Meeting of the ROC’s Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Name/Nationality	Gender	Professional	Current Post/Experience
 <p>Jakob (Jaap) Egbert Doek Netherlands Chairman</p>	<p>M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Convention of the Rights of Child ■ Juvenile justice ■ Child sexual and exploitation ■ Family law 	<p>Current Post: A tutor and guest lecturer at the Leiden University, Children’s Rights and Family Law Department.</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Juvenile court judge (1978 – 1985); Deputy Justice in the Court of Appeal of Amsterdam (2004 – 2012) ■ Professor of children’s and family law VU University Amsterdam (1985 – 2004) ■ UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (1999-2007) ■ A chairperson of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2001-2007) ■ A member of the Editorial Board for the UN Study on Violence against Children (2003-2006) ■ The chairperson of Aflatoun Child Savings International (2006-2014) ■ Senior Legal Advisor of ECPAT (2014-now) ■ The chairperson of the Supervisory Board of Child Helpline International (2015-now) ■ A member of the International Supervisory Board of Child Youth Finance International (2012-now) ■ A member of the Advisory Committee of Defence for Children International ■ A member of the jury established by KidsRights (The Netherlands) for the international Kids Peace Prize

Name/Nationality	Gender	Professional	Current Post/Experience
 <p data-bbox="197 667 376 746">Judith Karp Israel</p>	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Human rights ■ Child rights ■ Juvenile crime ■ Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse ■ Domestic violence ■ The rights of victims of crime ■ Status of women ■ Drug abuse ■ Constitutional law 	<p data-bbox="1162 181 1458 213">Current Post: Retired</p> <p data-bbox="1162 229 1330 261">Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Director of the Public Legislation Department at the Ministry of Justice of Israel (1972-1978) ■ Deputy Attorney General of the State of Israel (1978-2002) ■ Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (1995-2003) ■ Vice-chairperson of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (1997-1999) ■ Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2001-2003) ■ Member of the United Nations International Coordinating Team on Technical Advice and Assistance in the field of juvenile justice (1998-2003) ■ Mrs. Judith Karp was in charge of legislation, policies of implementation and coordination in the field of criminal law and law enforcement. ■ Israel Bar Association – "women in Law" award for special contribution to the advancement of women's status in Israel.

Name/Nationality	Gender	Professional	Current Post/Experience
 <p data-bbox="159 568 416 695">Nigel Cantwell United Kingdom & Switzerland</p>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Human rights of children ■ Alternative care ■ Intercountry adoptions ■ Juvenile justice ■ Holds the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Strathclyde Glasgow 	<p data-bbox="1162 181 2132 264">Current Post: consultant to international organizations on child protection policies</p> <p data-bbox="1162 277 1330 312">Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordinator of the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, taking part in the drafting of that treaty ■ Participating in the development of the UN Rules for Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty ■ Participating in the development of the 1993 Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption ■ Senior Project Officer (Implementation of International Standards), UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (1998-2003) ■ Lead consultant for developing 2009 [UN] Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children ■ Assessments of alternative care and adoption systems in more than a dozen countries on all continents. ■ Lecturer on Masters courses on children's rights, University of Geneva, and visiting lecturer at several other universities (FU Berlin, Leiden, Harvard...) ■ Authored some 40 articles and publications on children's rights issues.

Name/Nationality	Gender	Professional	Current Post/Experience
 <p data-bbox="210 571 367 647">John Tobin Australia</p>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International law ■ Human rights ■ Convention on the Rights of Child 	<p>Current Post: Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne; Francine V McNiff Chair in International Human Rights Law and Director of Studies, Human Rights</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Principal Examiner, Child Law Specialization, Law Institute of Victoria (2011-present) ■ Advisory Board member to the Melbourne Journal of International Law (2003-present) and International Journal of Children's Rights (2010-present) ■ Commercial lawyer (1994-1997) ■ Youth Lawyer, Victoria Legal Aid (1997-2000) ■ Legal Officer, Department of Justice (2000) ■ Prof. John Tobin is currently working on an ARC Discovery Grant with Professor Philip Alston from NYU titled “Children's Rights: From Theory to Practice” which will produce a comprehensive commentary on the Convention on the Rights of the Child which will be published by OUP

Name/Nationality	Gender	Professional	Current Post/Experience
 <p data-bbox="192 619 383 695">Laura Lundy Ireland</p>	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Implementation of the UNCRC ■ Education rights ■ Children's rights to participate in decision-making ■ Domestic education and social security law 	<p>Current Post: Professor of the Queen’s University Belfast, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Director of the cross-university Centre for Children's Rights(2011-ongoing) ■ Extensive experience of national and international participatory research with children, including for example a 2015 study in 71 countries that has informed the Committee on the Right of the Child’s General Comment on Public Spending. ■ Advice and training on children’s rights provided to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF, Council of Europe, Save the Children, Plan International and Child Rights Connect.

Attachment 2**Review Meeting of the ROC's Initial Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child
Agenda (Draft)**

Location: Howard's Civil Service International House (No. 30, Section 3, Xincheng South Road, Da'an District, Taipei City, Taiwan)

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Date	Time	Description	Note
Pre-Review Meeting			
Monday, Nov. 20, 2017	09:00 ~ 09:50	committee members' working meeting	private
	10:00 ~ 10:20	opening ceremony	public
	10:30 ~ 12:00	meeting with representatives of Legislative Yuan, Control Yuan, NGOs	public
	13:30 ~ 15:00	meeting with children	private
	15:30 ~ 17:00	meeting with representatives of NGOs	private
Review Meeting			
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017	09:00 ~ 12:00	review of Chapter 1-3	public
	14:00 ~ 17:00	review of Chapter 4-6	public
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017	09:00 ~ 12:00	review of Chapter 7-8	public
	14:00 ~ 17:00	(continue review if necessary, or start drafting concluding observations)	
Adoption and presentation of Concluding Observations			
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017	09:00 ~ 12:00	drafting and finalizing of concluding observation	private
	14:00 ~ 17:00	translation of concluding observations	private
Friday, Nov. 24, 2017	10:00 ~ 11:40	presentation of concluding observations	public

Attachment 3

Number of NGO presentations allowed at the open meeting of the Pre-Review Meeting

Item No.	Presenting NGOs	Number of presentations allowed
1	Covenants Watch Taiwan Association for Human Rights, TAHR Taiwan Alliance to Promote Civil Partnership Rights, TAPCPR	2
2	Taiwan NGOs for CRC	3
3	Taiwan Mothers Shield Alliance Taiwan Association of Gender/Sexuality Rights Protection R.O.C Association of HIV/AIDS and Child Care	2
4	CRC Watch	3
5	Indigenous Youth Front LIMA Taiwan Indigenous Youth Working Group Association for Taiwan Indigenous Peoples' Policies Nameless Indigenous	2
6	Taiwan Fund for Children and Families	1
7	Intersex, Transgender and Transsexual people care association	1
8	National Alliance of Presidents of Parents Associations	1

Remarks:

1. The NGOs listed above-are in Mandarin Alphabetical order, not their presenting order. Item no.1-6 have authorized their reports to be made public, Item no.7-8 have submitted their reports in confidence.
2. A total of 15 presentations will be given, each presentation is allowed a time frame of 3-5 minutes. The total of presentation time is 45 minutes.