

Annex

State reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Children affected by natural disasters, conflicted affected areas or other emergencies are still experiencing serious difficulties and facing barriers to the full enjoyment of the rights enshrined in the Convention. Hence Save the Children is calling upon the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to require that State reports include reporting on the measures adopted to provide adequate educational facilities, accessible to all children affected by emergencies.

Referring to the General guidelines for periodic reports: 20/11/96. CRC/C/58, General guidelines regarding the form and contents of periodic reports to be submitted by state parties under article 44, paragraph 1(b) of the convention, Save the Children is calling upon the Committee to revise the reporting for state parties as well as the list of issues as to more systematically review their obligations on the right to education in emergencies and require State reports to indicate whether:

- National measures are adopted, including of a legislative, administrative and budgetary nature, to recognize and ensure children's right to education in (possible) emergencies.
- The state parties have taken particular measures to develop an Education in Emergency preparedness plan as a part of the general education plan, including plans and structures for continuity at all levels through different phases of an emergency.
- The state parties as a part of the international community and donors have taken particular measures to ensure that education in emergencies is a part of their humanitarian policy and also have linked humanitarian aid with more long-term development aid, both in the initial assessment and in the phases that follow.

General recommendations to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

- Save the Children highly recommends that the General Day of Discussion on Education in Emergencies is followed up by issuing a General Comment on the issue.
- Save the Children recommends that the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and
 the Special Rapporteur and other relevant bodies, state parties and NGOs and UN
 agencies, have a joint follow-up meeting on the issue biannually to assess the impact of
 their recommendations and to follow-up on them.
- Save the Children recommends that the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child refers
 any State Party in need of technical assistance on Education in Emergencies to the InterAgency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) to receive adequate tools,
 resources and facilitated access to support from the INEE membership.