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The Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The Secretariat has the honour to refer to the decision by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, taken during its 92nd session (16 January to 3 February 2023), to shift from an opt-in model for the simplified reporting procedure (decision No. 11 of 19 September 2014) to an **opt-out model** (decision No. 18 of 2 February 2023).

The simplified reporting procedure streamlines and enhances the reporting procedure. It rationalizes the reporting workload for States parties without compromising the quality of the review. Under the simplified reporting procedure, a request for specific information (*list of issues prior to reporting*) is addressed by the Committee to the State party prior to the submission of a report. The State party's reply to the *list of issues prior to reporting* constitutes the State party's report to the Committee. Compared to the present reporting procedure, the simplified reporting procedure reduces the two reporting steps to a single one, since under the simplified reporting procedure States parties are no longer required to submit both a State party report and thereafter written replies to a list of issues.

States parties to the Convention that wish to opt-out from the simplified reporting procedure and instead maintain the standard reporting procedure should notify the Secretariat of the Committee of their decision by Note Verbale addressed to ohchr-crc@un.org by **30 September 2023**.

Please note that any State party that does not reply to this Note Verbale to indicate that it wishes to maintain the standard reporting procedure will henceforth automatically be reviewed under the simplified reporting procedure. This does not apply to States parties that have already submitted a report to the Committee under the standard reporting procedure, which has not been reviewed yet. These reports will still be reviewed under the standard reporting procedure. However, for future reporting cycles, those States parties will also be reviewed under the simplified reporting procedure, unless they notify the Secretariat by **30 September 2023** of their decision to maintain the standard reporting procedure.

The Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 7 March 2023