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Exploring the Simplified Reporting Procedure (SRP)

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Agenda

Presentation (30 minutes)

- Child Rights Connect
- Overview of the SRP
- The SRP vs the standard cycle: An Overview
- The SRP vs the standard cycle: A few explanations
- How can the SRP be effective?
- Child participation in the work of the Committee: When and How?
- The Role of Child Rights Connect in the Process
- The SRP: Timelines
- The review of Ireland: Timelines

Who is Child Rights Connect?



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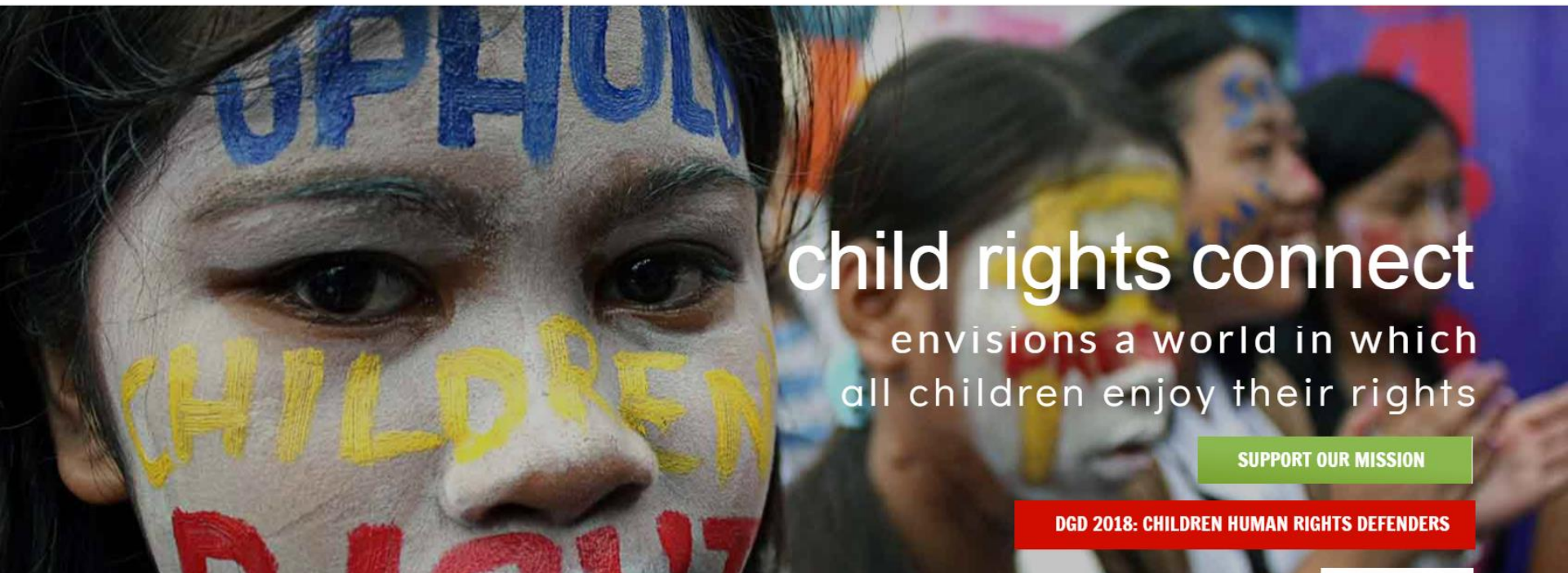
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OVERVIEW OF THE SRP

- UN General Assembly Resolution 68/268 in April 2014 to encourage TBs to *“facilitate the preparation of States’ reports and the interactive dialogue on the implementation of their treaty obligations”* and to ensure *“efficiency and effectiveness in the work of the treaty bodies, in particular regarding the backlog of reports”*.
- OHCHR indicates *“the SRP streamlines and enhances the State party review by rendering it more focused and effective, as both the constructive dialogue and concluding observations focus on areas that the treaty body concerned sees as priority areas for consideration in a given State party at a given point in time”*.
- Assumption: States are more guided in their follow-up responsibilities by receiving less and more specific issues to work on.
- Implemented by the CRC Committee as of 2017. So far, adopted COBs for 1 country, 9 LOIPR and received 3 State reports under LOIPR

STANDARD CYCLE

vs

SRP



The SRP vs the standard cycle: a few explanations

Key differences to note:

Length of the cycle

- For the State: 18 months between State Report and concluding observations (COBs) becomes **7-8 months** under SRP
- For NOGs, NHRI and Commissioners: 9 months between submission of alternative report and COBs becomes **22 months** under SRP

State Reporting

- Under SRP, State only submits **one** State Report responding to the LOIPR, as the standard second response to the ‘List of Issues’ is removed.

SRP CYCLE



- Emerging trends and key issues
- Suggested questions for the list of issues (LOIPR) and not suggested COBs.
- Short and less detailed.
- 10,000 words comprehensive report; 3,000 thematic report.

SRP CYCLE



Questions related to previous selected COBs; recent developments / emerging issues; a standing question for any other issue State wishes to raise; question on general and specific statistics (which is then an annex in the State Report). Up to 30 q's.

Based on info. from CSOs, Commissioners, NHRIs, children, UN agencies, but no pre-session

SRP CYCLE



Without the State Report submitted, the rest of the process is blocked.

SRP CYCLE



- Commenting on the State Report and updates since LOIPR submission.
- More comprehensive alternative report.
- 20,000 words comprehensive report; 6,000 words thematic report (no word limits for children's submissions).

SRP CYCLE



Pre-session with
NGOs and
children

SRP CYCLE

- Same processes as for the standard cycle
- Committee can ask additional questions on topics not included in LOIPR (LOIPR does not determine the dialogue or COBs)



How can the SRP be effective?

Tips

- The need for the Committee to receive combined, strong, key, priority messages from across NGOs, Commissioners and NHRIs.
- Increases the credibility of the report with a joint, stronger voice.
- More clarity for the Committee, especially when determining the LOIPR – very difficult for Committee to come up with priorities otherwise.
- Promotes a more holistic and coordinated follow-up of the COBs.
- Get ideas of what the Committee expects → check the [information note for stakeholders](#)

How can the SRP be effective?

Tips

- Start preparing alternative report well in advance since there is only 2 months between State Report and alternative report deadline.
- Organise a Committee country visit:
Before the adoption of the LOIPR, or after the COBs
- Linking CRC reporting to broader engagement with other Treaty bodies / broader human rights system.

How can the SRP be effective?

Challenges

- Might be a long process for children involved from the early stage
→ pre-session
- LOIPR reflect the main priority issues raised and might not include ALL your inputs (e.g. thematic reports on very specific topics)
- Difficulties to coordinate priority issues, as coalition (def. criteria)
- State reports are submitted late
- Only 2 months between State Report and submission of alternative report (+ holiday seasons)

Child participation in the work of the Committee: When and How?

❖ When?

- Along the whole process: in the written and in the additional inputs, pre-session and session with the Committee, follow-up, Committee's country visit

❖ How?

Example of children's involvement

- From the preparation of inputs to the LOIPR

https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1286&Lang=en (Dutch National Youth Council) & https://www.netzwerk-kinderrechte.ch/resources/190701_RSDR_La-parole-aux-enfants-et-aux-jeunes-LOIPR-CDE.pdf (Child Rights Network Switzerland)

- For written inputs to State report

<https://hintalovon.hu/en/howdoyouseeit> (Hungary)

Child Participation Procedures

Child participation is encouraged throughout the process.

Children can:

- Prepare children's submissions, either their own or supported by NGOs
- Request a private children's meeting with the Committee during the pre-session
- Prepare an oral presentation during the pre-session and respond to questions
- Both of the above can be through video-conferencing
- Attend country review sessions of the Committee
- Take part in / lead follow-up activities at different levels

The Role Of Child Rights Connect

Expertise on promoting meaningful, safe and effective **child participation**

- ❖ Encourages **child-led reports**

- ❖ Publications/guides on CRC reporting

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- ❖ Our **minisite** on CRC reporting: crcreporting.childrightsconnect.org

- ❖ Closely monitoring **implementation of the SRP** by the CRC

Committee and collecting feedback, recommendations and impact of SRP at national level (also using this online survey).

Review of Ireland: Timeline

Date accepted	NGOs submissions due date	List of issues prior to reporting - adoption	State party report under LOIPR - due date	NGOs submissions	Pre-session & children's meeting	Session
1-Oct-19	1-July-20	October-20	October-21	Jan-2022	Feb-2022	May-22

Source: SRP Calendar

<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CRC/CalendarSRP.pdf>

Submission

Online submission

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No paper copies!

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Any questions?