

UN Simplified Reporting Procedure Members Brief

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This year, the Committee on the Rights of the Child will once again be reviewing Ireland's implementation of the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). The process will begin this October and will carry on in to 2022.

This is the first year that Ireland will be undergoing the new Simplified Reporting Procedure in place of the Standard Reporting Procedure. The new procedure aims to speed up and streamline the overall process by allowing states to focus in on specific issues that they need to work on.

The process of the Simplified Reporting Procedure and the key dates and events involved, is outlined in the following graphic:



List of Issues Prior to Reporting

One of the main differences in this process is the introduction of a List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR). The LOIPR is a public list of limited issues that the treaty body adopts based on a document review, including reports prepared by UNICEF and UN agencies, NGOs, children, National Human Rights Institutions, Ombudspersons and other stakeholders.

The LOIPR is made by the Committee without using any information provided by the State beforehand. The LOIPR is then adopted by the Committee and sent to each State concerned right after its corresponding pre-session. The list of issues takes the form of questions rather than recommendations for the concluding observations. These questions should relate to emerging trends and key issues that children's rights defenders think should be covered in the LOIPR. While the LOIPR will be the basis for the committee's questioning of the state during its hearing, it is still possible for the committee to ask about other issues that may not have been included in the adopted LOIPR.

Examples of LOIPR that have been adopted by the Committee previously include [Croatia](#), [Poland](#) and [Switzerland](#)

Written Submission

The Children's Rights Alliance will lead the Civil Society involvement in the review process by collating a written submission on the LOIPR over the course of the next few months, with the deadline for submission to the UN Committee being 1of July. We will be working closely with all of our members and civil society in assessing the different areas and issues that should be included in the submission and exactly which aspects of these issues need to be prioritised and highlighted. As we have done in previous years, we will also be working closely with members in preparing an alternative report once the LOIPR has been adopted.

We will be holding a public event to kick off this process where we will brief members and other stakeholders on the process and how they can become involved. Any further updates or happenings will be communicated to members over the course of the next few weeks.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or requests surrounding the topic/submission, contact Julie at 01 662 9400 or email julie@childrensrights.ie