

Advocacy brief to the 2nd UPR of Norway

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# The Optional Protocol on the UNCRC on a communications procedure

Norway ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in 1991. The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC) was ratified in 2001 and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC) in 2003. The UNCRC was incorporated into national law in 2003. Signing and ratifying the third optional protocol on a communications procedure (OP3 CRC) should be a logical and complementary step for the Government of Norway.

The communications procedure will cover the full range and details of rights in the UNCRC and its two existing Optional Protocols and will contribute considerably to enhance the realization of child rights across the world. It will significantly contribute to the overall protection of children’s rights and strengthen the monitoring of the Convention. The possibility of submitting complaints at the international level will encourage the government to strengthen and develop appropriate remedies at the national level.

**We ask that the permanent mission put forth the following question and recommendation during the examination of Norway in the 19th Session:**

Question
**Will Norway sign and ratify the Optional Protocol on the UNCRC on a communications procedure?**

Recommendation

**The Government of Norway should sign and ratify the the Optional Protocol on the UNCRC on a communications procedure by the end of 2014.**

*Representatives from United Nations Association of Norway will be available at the UPR pre-session April 10th, as well as before the UPR April 28th for more information.
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