

## UNCROC Work Programme: Updated Milestones 2007– 2008

	Work Programme Item	Lead Agency	Future Milestone(s)
1	Review of the minimum age of criminal prosecution	Ministry of Justice Ministry of Social Development	Implications of the Young Offenders (Serious Crimes) Bill will be known and the next steps for this work programme item can be determined.
2	Review of the upper age of the Children, Young Persons, and their Families Act 1989	Ministry of Social Development	The Ministry of Social Development will report to Cabinet with proposals for updating the CYPF Act in July 2007. The Act's upper age limit has been identified as an issue for consideration in the update.
3	Withdrawal of the Reservation on age-mixing in prisons	Ministry of Justice New Zealand Police Department of Corrections Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	The Ministry of Justice will report to Cabinet with options for the possible withdrawal of the Reservation to Article 37(c) of UNCROC in the context of outside-prison environments by August 31 2007.
4	Withdrawal of the Reservation on age-mixing in prisons: "Tests of Best Interest"	Department of Corrections	The "test of best interests" for the age-mixing of vulnerable 18- and 19-year-olds is likely to be implemented nationwide by November 2007.
5	Withdrawal of the Reservation on children unlawfully in New Zealand	Ministry of Education Department of Labour	The Minister of Education will report to Cabinet with treaty action for the withdrawal of the Reservation on children unlawfully in New Zealand following the introduction of a new Immigration Act in 2008.
6	Withdrawal of Reservation on child labour	Department of Labour	The Minister of Labour will report to Cabinet on options for the withdrawal of the Reservation following the conclusion of discussions with the International Labour Organisation.
7	Corporal punishment	Ministry of Social Development Ministry of Justice	Implications of the Crimes (Abolition of Force as a Justification for Child Discipline) Amendment Bill will be known and next steps for this work programme item can be determined.
8	Review of policy practice and legislation	Ministry of Youth Development	The Ministry of Youth Development will coordinate the Government's response to a report on UNCROC by the Office of the Children's Commissioner. The Ministry of Youth Development will brief the Minister of Youth Affairs on the contents and implications of the report upon release of the draft.
9	Reducing inequalities in social well-being	Ministry of Social Development	<i>The Social Report 2007</i> will be published in July 2007.
10	Assistance to refugee children	Department of Labour	The Department of Labour will continue its work to support the resettlement of refugee children and young people. This will be reported in the next UNCROC annual update in March 2008.
11	Assessing the impact of economic reforms on children	Ministry of Social Development	An update of <i>Children and Young People: Indicators of Wellbeing in New Zealand</i> will be underway by December 2007.
12	"A World Fit for Children"	Ministry of Youth Development	The Minister of Youth Affairs will be briefed on progress with "A World Fit For Children" priority areas in consultation with key UNCROC stakeholders by November 2007.
13	Assistance to child abuse victims	Ministry of Social Development	The Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families will provide an update on activity since the initial Taskforce report by November 2008.
14	Reservation on child labour: Department of Labour work programme	Department of Labour	The Department of Labour will develop a children's rights work programme in consultation with the Ministry of Youth Development and industry stakeholders.

15	Non-discrimination data request	Statistics New Zealand	<p>Statistics New Zealand will assist the Ministries of Youth Development and Social Development to ensure that New Zealand's next 2008 UNCROC report addresses statistical quality issues identified in the UN Committee's most recent set of recommendations.</p> <p>Statistics New Zealand will also work with the Ministries of Youth Development and Social Development to identify any significant information gaps and issues relating to UNCROC reporting, following completion New Zealand's next periodic report to the UN Committee in 2008.</p>
16	Child health outcomes	Ministry of Health	<p>The Ministry of Health will provide an update to the Ministers of Health and Youth Affairs by June 2007 on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the enhancement of immunisation coverage</li> <li>• ongoing work to reduce infant mortality; and progress with addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ mental health problems among adolescents</li> <li>○ sexual and reproductive health</li> <li>○ alcohol abuse</li> <li>○ mental health problems among adolescents, with a focus on reducing health inequalities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17	Adolescent health outcomes		
18	Adoption reform	Ministry of Justice	Proposals for adoption law reform will be considered by Ministers in 2007.
19	Addressing education disparities	Ministry of Education	The Ministry of Education will report to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Youth Affairs by August 2007 on progress with reducing education disparities.
20	Dissemination and training on children's rights	Ministry of Youth Development; Ministry of Justice	The Ministry of Youth Development will develop an expanded UNCROC web resource by April 2007. The Ministry of Justice will provide an update on its work in promoting and supporting the mainstreaming of rights considerations in policy development across government by March 2008.
21	Amendment of the Defence Act 1990	<b>Item completed</b>	
22	Review of the age of voluntary recruitment	New Zealand Defence Force	The New Zealand Defence Force will review the Government's position on raising the age of voluntary recruitment for the armed services by November 2007.
23	Information on the cadet forces	New Zealand Defence Force	New Zealand's next periodic report in November 2008 will include information requested by the UN Committee on the cadet forces.
24	Information on assistance for refugee and migrant children involved in hostilities	New Zealand Defence Force	Information will be collected for New Zealand's next periodic report to the UN Committee in 2008.
25	Public dissemination of the initial report on the Optional Protocol on Child Soldiers	<b>Item completed</b>	
26	Training and dissemination on the Optional Protocol on Child Soldiers	New Zealand Defence Force	The New Zealand Defence Force will report to the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Youth Affairs by November 2007 on progress with the development of training modules on the law of armed conflict; provisions and the implications of UNCROC and the Optional Protocol on Child Soldiers.
27	Review of compliance with the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children	Ministry of Justice	Proposals for adoption law reform will be considered by Ministers in 2007. The Evidence Act 1908 will be amended by November 2007.
28	Reporting requirement for youth suicide	Ministry of Youth Development Ministry of Health Ministry of Social Development	New Zealand will report to the UN Committee on a comparative and disaggregated basis as part of the next periodic report in 2008.
29	Placing Children at the Centre of Policy-Making	Ministry of Social Development	The Ministry of Social Development will report to the Minister for Social Development and Employment and the Minister of Youth Affairs by November 2007 on progress with strategies for placing children at the centre of policy-making.