

Raising Understanding: Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children

Child-Friendly Edition

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What is the Optional Protocol?

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography requires States to take measures to protect children from these serious violations of their rights.

Key Protections

- Prohibition of the sale of children for any purpose
- Criminalisation of child prostitution and child pornography
- Protection for child victims in judicial proceedings
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction over offences committed abroad