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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

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The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 10 December 2008 during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly by resolution A/RES/63/435. In accordance with its provisions, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Optional Protocol will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in 2009. The Secretary-General will announce as soon as possible the date of the signing ceremony.

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