

ALBANIA

Special Decisions or Action Taken Re: Reporting, Including Urgent Action Procedure

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Chapter VII. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 9, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE CONVENTION

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C. Action taken by the Committee to ensure submission of reports by States parties

497. At its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions, the Committee reviewed the question of delays and non-submission of reports by States parties in accordance with their obligations under article 9 of the Convention.

498. At its forty-second session, the Committee, having emphasized that the delays in reporting by States parties hampered it in monitoring implementation of the Convention, decided that it would continue to proceed with the review of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention by the States parties whose reports were excessively overdue by five years or more. In accordance with a decision taken at its thirty-ninth session, the Committee agreed that this review would be based upon the last reports submitted by the State party concerned and their consideration by the Committee. At its forty-ninth session, the Committee further decided that States parties whose initial reports were excessively overdue by five years or more would also be scheduled for a review of implementation of the provisions of the Convention. The Committee agreed that in the absence of an initial report, the Committee would consider all information submitted by the State party to other organs of the United Nations or, in the absence of such material, reports and information prepared by organs of the United Nations. In practice the Committee also considers relevant information from other sources including from non-governmental organizations, whether it is an initial or periodic report that is seriously overdue. The question of the extent to which conclusions communicated to the State party under the review procedure could be based upon that material remains a matter of ongoing discussion (CERD/C/SR.1463).

499. Following its fifty-ninth session, the Committee decided to schedule at its sixtieth session a review of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention in the following States parties whose periodic reports were seriously overdue: Albania ... In the cases of Botswana, Albania and Tunisia, the reviews were postponed at the request of the States parties which indicated their intention to submit the requested reports shortly...

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501. The Committee again requested the Secretary-General to continue sending reminders automatically to those States parties whose reports were overdue.