

GAMBIA

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

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526. Following its seventy-first session, the Committee decided to schedule for its seventy-second session the review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties whose periodic reports were seriously overdue: Bulgaria, Gambia, Monaco, Panama and the United Arab Emirates. Bulgaria's report was subsequently received, prior to the seventy-second session. In the cases of Monaco, Panama and the United Arab Emirates, the reviews were postponed at the request of the States parties, which indicated their intention to submit the requested reports shortly. The reports of Monaco and the United Arab Emirates have been received in the meantime.

527. A letter, together with a list of questions, was sent to Gambia by the Chairperson of the Committee on 14 March 2008, in order to initiate a dialogue with the Government of Gambia on the implementation of the Convention. In the letter, the Government of Gambia was asked to submit its overdue reports, in one combined document, as soon as possible. More specifically, the Government was asked to respond to the questions posed by the Committee by 30 September 2008, failing which the Committee would proceed with the adoption of concluding observations

under its review procedure.

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56. At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee reviewed the implementation of the Convention in the Gambia and adopted concluding observations in the absence of a delegation. Panama, which had also been scheduled for review at the seventy-fourth session, submitted its report prior to that session.

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