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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-sixth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais des Nations) from 1 to 19 May 2006. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 1 May 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The thirty-sixth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev. 4), the members of the Committee elected at the Tenth Meeting of the State Parties to the Convention on 30 November 2005 will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1 of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-sixth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 27 February 2006, the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

Burundi	CAT/C/BDI/1
Japan	CAT/C/JPN/1
South Africa	CAT/C/52/Add.3
Tajikistan	CAT/C/32/Add.5

Second periodic reports

Benin	CAT/C/38/Add.3
Indonesia	CAT/C/72/Add.1
Latvia	CAT/C/38/Add.4
Zambia	CAT/C/ZMB/2

Third periodic reports

Algeria	CAT/C/DZA/3
People's Republic of China	CAT/C/CHN/3
Australia	CAT/C/44/Add.8
Iceland	CAT/C/ISL/3
Uzbekistan	CAT/C/44/Add.8

Fourth periodic reports

Estonia	CAT/C/80/Add.1
Hungary	CAT/C/55/Add.10
Italy	CAT/C/67/Add.3
Mexico	CAT/C/55/Add.12
Netherlands	CAT/C/67/Add.4
Poland	CAT/C/67/Add.5
Russian Federation	CAT/C/55/Add.11
Portugal	CAT/C/67/Add.6

Fifth periodic reports

Denmark	CAT/C/81/Add.2
Luxembourg	CAT/C/81/Add.5
Norway	CAT/C/81/Add.4
Ukraine	CAT/C/81/Add.1
Sweden	CAT/C/SWE/5

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 27 February 2006 is as follows:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date on which the report was due</u>
Initial reports	
Guyana	17 June 1989
Guinea	8 November 1990
Somalia	22 February 1991
Seychelles	3 June 1993
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994
Ethiopia	12 April 1995
Chad	7 July 1996
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997
Malawi	10 July 1997
Honduras	3 January 1998
Kenya	22 March 1998
Bangladesh	3 November 1999
Niger	3 November 1999
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000
Mali	27 March 2000
Turkmenistan	25 July 2000
Mozambique	14 October 2000
Ghana	6 October 2001
Botswana	7 October 2001
Gabon	7 October 2001
Lebanon	3 November 2001
Sierra Leone	24 May 2002
Nigeria	27 July 2002
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 August 2002
Lesotho	11 December 2002
Mongolia	22 February 2003
Ireland	10 May 2003
Holy See	25 July 2003
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2003
Djibouti	5 December 2003
Timor-Leste	15 May 2004
Democratic Republic of the Congo	18 August 2004
Liberia	22 October 2005

State party

Date on which the report was due

Second periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1992	
Belize	25 June 1992	
Philippines	25 June 1992	
Uganda	25 June 1992	[25 June 2008] ^a
Togo	17 December 1992	
Guyana	17 June 1993	
Brazil	27 October 1994	
Guinea	8 November 1994	
Somalia	22 February 1995	
Romania	16 January 1996	
Serbia and Montenegro	9 October 1996	
Yemen	4 December 1996	
Jordan	12 December 1996	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1997	[5 March 2009] ^a
Seychelles	3 June 1997	
Cape Verde	3 July 1997	
Cambodia	13 November 1997	
Burundi	19 March 1998	
Slovakia	27 May 1998	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998	
Costa Rica	10 December 1998	
Ethiopia	12 April 1999	
Albania	9 June 1999	[9 June 2007] ^a
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 1999	
Namibia	27 December 1999	
Tajikistan	9 February 2000	
Cuba	15 June 2000	
Chad	8 July 2000	
Republic of Moldova	27 December 2000	[27 December 2007] ^a
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2001	[16 April 2009] ^a
El Salvador	16 July 2001	
Lithuania	1 March 2001	
Kuwait	6 April 2001	
Malawi	10 July 2001	
Honduras	3 January 2002	
Kenya	22 March 2002	
Kyrgyzstan	4 September 2002	
Saudi Arabia	21 October 2002	
Bahrain	4 April 2003	[4 April 2007] ^a
Kazakhstan	24 September 2003	
Bangladesh	3 November 2003	
Niger	3 November 2003	

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date on which the report was due</u>
South Africa	8 January 2004
Burkina Faso	2 February 2004
Mali	27 March 2004
Bolivia	11 May 2004
Turkmenistan	24 July 2004
Belgium	25 July 2004
Japan	29 July 2004
Mozambique	13 October 2004
Ghana	6 October 2005
Republic of Moldova	27 December 2004 [27 December 2007] ^a
Qatar	9 February 2005
Botswana	7 October 2005
Gabon	7 October 2005
Lebanon	3 November 2005

Third periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1996
Belize	25 June 1996
Philippines	25 June 1996
Senegal	25 June 1996
Uganda	25 June 1996 [25 June 2008] ^a
Uruguay	25 June 1996
Togo	17 December 1996
Guyana	17 June 1997 ^b
Turkey	31 August 1997 [31 August 2005] ^a
Tunisia	22 October 1997 [30 November 1999] ^a
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 1998
Algeria	11 October 1998
Brazil	27 October 1998
Guinea	8 November 1998
Somalia	22 February 1999
Malta	31 December 1999 ^b [30 November 2004] ^a
Liechtenstein	1 December 1999
Romania	16 January 2000
Nepal	12 June 2000 [12 June 2008] ^a
Serbia and Montenegro	9 October 2000
Yemen	4 December 2000
Jordan	12 December 2000
Monaco	4 January 2001 [4 January 2009] ^a
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2001 [5 March 2009] ^a
Benin	10 April 2001
Latvia	13 May 2001
Seychelles	3 June 2001
Cape Verde	3 July 2001
Cambodia	13 November 2001

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date on which the report was due</u>
Mauritius	7 January 2002
Third periodic reports (<i>cont'd</i>)	
Burundi	19 March 2002
Slovakia	27 May 2002
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2002
Armenia	12 October 2002
Costa Rica	10 December 2002
Sri Lanka	1 February 2003 [1 February 2007] ^a
Ethiopia	12 April 2003
Albania	9 June 2003 [9 June 2007] ^a
United States of America	19 November 2003
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 2003
Namibia	27 December 2003
Republic of Korea	7 February 2004
Tajikistan	9 February 2004
Cuba	15 June 2004
Chad	7 July 2004
Uzbekistan	27 October 2004
Republic of Moldova	27 December 2004 ^b
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2005
Lithuania	1 March 2005
Kuwait	5 April 2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2005 [16 April 2009] ^a
Malawi	10 July 2005
El Salvador	16 July 2005
Honduras	3 January 2006

Fourth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2000
Belarus	25 June 2000
Belize	25 June 2000
France	25 June 2000 [25 June 2008] ^a
Bulgaria	25 June 2000 [25 June 2008] ^a
Cameroon	25 June 2000
Philippines	25 June 2000
Senegal	25 June 2000
Uganda	25 June 2000 [25 June 2008] ^a
Uruguay	25 June 2000
Austria	27 August 2000 [31 December 2008] ^a
Panama	22 September 2000
Togo	17 December 2000
Colombia	6 January 2001
Ecuador	28 April 2001 [28 April 2009] ^a

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date on which the report was due</u>
Guyana	17 June 2001
Turkey	31 August 2001 [31 August 2005]
Tunisia	30 November 2003
Chile	29 October 2001 [29 October 2005] ^a
People's Republic of China	2 November 2001
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2002
Australia	6 September 2002
Algeria	11 October 2002
Brazil	27 October 2002
Guinea	8 November 2002
New Zealand	8 January 2003 [8 January 2007] ^a
Somalia	22 February 2003
Paraguay	10 April 2003
Malta	12 October 2003
Germany	20 October 2003 [30 October 2007] ^a
Liechtenstein	1 December 2003
Romania	16 January 2004
Nepal	12 June 2004 [12 June 2008] ^a
Bulgaria	25 June 2004 [25 June 2008] ^a
Cameroon	25 June 2004
Cyprus	16 August 2004
Venezuela	20 August 2004
Croatia	7 October 2004 [7 October 2008] ^a
Serbia and Montenegro	9 October 2004
Israel	1 November 2004
Estonia	19 November 2004
Yemen	4 December 2004
Jordan	12 December 2004
Monaco	4 January 2005 [4 January 2009] ^a
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2005 [5 March 2009] ^a
Benin	10 April 2005
Cape Verde	3 July 2005

Fifth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2004
Belarus	25 June 2004
Belize	25 June 2004
Egypt	25 June 2004
France	25 June 2004 [25 June 2008] ^a
Hungary	25 June 2004
Mexico	25 June 2004
Philippines	25 June 2004
Russian Federation	25 June 2004
Senegal	25 June 2004
Switzerland	25 June 2004 [25 June 2008] ^a

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date on which the report was due</u>
Uganda	25 June 2004
Uruguay	25 June 2004

Fifth periodic reports (*cont'd*)

Austria	27 August 2004	[31 December 2008] ^a
Panama	22 September 2004	
Spain	19 November 2004	
Togo	17 December 2004	
Colombia	6 January 2005	
Ecuador	28 April 2005	[28 April 2009] ^a
Guyana	17 June 2005	
Turkey	31 August 2005	
Chile	29 October 2005	
People's Republic of China	2 November 2005	

^a The date indicated in brackets next to the due date for reports is the new date for submission of the State party's report, in accordance with the Committee's decision at the time of adoption of the recommendations following the consideration of the State party's previous report.

^b Requested by the Committee for November 2004.

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the thirty-sixth session is given below:

Tuesday, 2 May 2006

10 a.m. Peru: fourth periodic report CAT/C/61/Add.2

Wednesday, 3 May 2006

10 a.m. Georgia: third periodic report CAT/C/73/Add.1
3 p.m. Peru: replies

Thursday, 4 May 2006

10 a.m. Guatemala: third periodic report CAT/C/74/Add.1
3 p.m. Georgia: replies

Friday, 5 May 2006

10 a.m. United States: second periodic report CAT/C/48/Add.3
3 p.m. Guatemala: replies

Monday, 8 May 2006

3 p.m. United States: replies

Tuesday, 9 May 2006

10 a.m. Qatar: initial report CAT/C/58/Add.1

Wednesday, 10 May 2006

10 a.m. Togo: initial report CAT/C/5/Add.33

3 p.m. Qatar: replies

Thursday, 11 May 2006

10 a.m. Republic of Korea: second periodic report CAT/C/53/Add.2

3 p.m. Togo: replies

Friday, 12 May 2006

3 p.m. Republic of Korea: replies

8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, under this item the Committee will consider information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5 of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item the Committee will consider communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.
