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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fortieth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 28 April-16 May 2008. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 28 April, 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 interim Chairperson 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 5, which contain 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

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.
3. Election of the officers of the Committee.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Organizational and other matters.
6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention.
9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

Annotations

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

The fortieth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

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

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev. 4), the new members of the Committee elected at the 11th meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 8 October 2007 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 fortieth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 12 March 2008, the reports of the following States parties:

Initial Reports

Kenya	CAT/C/KNY/1
Nicaragua	CAT/C/NIC/1

Second periodic reports

Belgium	CAT/C/BEL/2
El Salvador	CAT/C/SLV/2
Kazakhstan	CAT/C/KAZ/2
Lithuania	CAT/C/LTU/2
Montenegro	CAT/C/MTN/2
Philippines	CAT/C/PHI/2
Serbia	CAT/C/SCG/2
Slovakia	CAT/C/SVK/2

Third periodic reports

Azerbaijan	CAT/C/AZE/3
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Fourth periodic reports

China	CAT/C/CHN/4
Colombia	CAT/C/COL/4
Israel	CAT/C/ISR/4

Fifth periodic reports

Chile	CAT/C/CHL/5
Spain	CAT/C/SPN/5

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 12 March 2008 is as follows:

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Initial reports		
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	9 July 1996	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997	
Malawi	10 July 1997	
Honduras	3 January 1998	
Bangladesh	4 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	25 May 2002	
Nigeria	28 June 2002	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 August 2002	
Lesotho	11 December 2002	

* The date indicated in brackets is the revised date for submission of the State party's report, in accordance with the Committee's decision at the time of adoption of recommendations regarding the last report of the State party.

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Mongolia	23 February 2003	
Ireland	11 May 2003	
Holy See	25 July 2003	
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2003	
Djibouti	5 December 2003	
Timor-Leste	16 May 2004	
Congo	30 August 2004	
Swaziland	25 April 2005	
Maldives	20 May 2005	
Liberia	22 October 2005	
Mauritania	17 December 2005	
Madagascar	13 January 2007	
Andorra	22 September 2007	
San Marino	28 November 2007	
Second periodic reports		
Afghanistan	25 June 1992	
Belize	25 June 1992	
Uganda	25 June 1992	[25 June 2008]
Togo	17 December 1992	[17 December 2008]
Guyana	17 June 1993	[31 December 2008]
Brazil	27 October 1994	
Guinea	8 November 1994	
Somalia	22 February 1995	
Romania	16 January 1996	
Yemen	4 December 1996	
Jordan	12 December 1996	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1997	[5 March 2009]
Seychelles	3 June 1997	
Cape Verde	3 July 1997	
Cambodia	13 November 1997	
Burundi	19 March 1998	[31 December 2008]
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998	
Ethiopia	12 April 1999	
Albania	9 June 1999	[9 June 2007]
Namibia	27 December 1999	
Tajikistan	9 February 2000	[31 December 2008]
Cuba	15 June 2000	

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Chad	9 July 2000	
Moldova	27 December 2000	[27 December 2004]
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2001	[16 April 2009]
Kuwait	6 April 2001	
Malawi	10 July 2002	
Honduras	3 January 2002	
Kenya	22 March 2002	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2002	
Saudi Arabia	21 October 2002	
Bahrain	4 April 2003	[4 April 2007]
Bangladesh	3 November 2003	
Niger	3 November 2003	
South Africa	8 January 2004	[31 December 2009]
Burkina Faso	2 February 2004	
Mali	27 March 2004	
Bolivia	11 May 2004	
Turkmenistan	24 July 2004	
Japan	29 July 2004	[30 June 2011]
Mozambique	13 October 2004	
Qatar	10 February 2004	[10 February 2005]
Botswana	7 October 2005	
Gabon	8 October 2005	
Lebanon	5 October 2005	
Ghana	18 December 2005	
Sierra Leone	25 May 2006	
Nigeria	28 July 2006	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 August 2006	
Lesotho	12 December 2006	
Mongolia	23 February 2007	
Ireland	11 May 2007	
Holy See	25 July 2007	
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2007	
Djibouti	5 December 2007	

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Third periodic reports		
Afghanistan	25 June 1996	
Belize	25 June 1996	
Philippines	25 June 1996	
Senegal	25 June 1996	
Uruguay	25 June 1996	
Turkey	31 August 1997	[31 August 2005]
Tunisia	22 October 1997	[30 November 1999]
Brazil	27 October 1998	
Guinea	8 November 1998	
Somalia	22 February 1999	
Malta	12 October 1999	[1 December 2000]
Liechtenstein	1 December 1999	
Romania	16 January 2000	
Nepal	12 June 2000	[12 June 2008]
Serbia	3 September 2000	
Yemen	4 December 2000	
Jordan	12 December 2000	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2001	[5 March 2009]
Benin	10 April 2001	
Seychelles	3 June 2001	
Cape Verde	3 July 2001	
Cambodia	13 November 2001	
Mauritius	7 January 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]
Ethiopia	12 April 2003	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 2003	
Namibia	27 December 2003	
Republic of Korea	7 February 2004	[7 February 2012]
Cuba	15 June 2004	
Chad	9 July 2004	

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2005	
Lithuania	1 March 2005	
Kuwait	5 April 2005	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2005	[16 April 2009]
El Salvador	16 July 2005	
Honduras	3 January 2006	
Kenya	22 March 2006	
Malawi	10 July 2006	
Slovenia	14 August 2006	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2006	
Saudi Arabia	20 October 2006	
Bangladesh	3 November 2007	
Niger	3 November 2007	
Burkina Faso	2 February 2008	
Fourth periodic reports		
Afghanistan	25 June 2000	
Belarus	25 June 2000	
Belize	25 June 2000	
France	25 June 2000	[25 June 2008]
Philippines	25 June 2000	
Senegal	25 June 2000	
Uruguay	25 June 2000	
Austria	27 August 2000	[31 December 2008]
Panama	22 September 2000	
Colombia	6 January 2001	
Ecuador	28 April 2001	[28 April 2009]
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2002	
Algeria	11 October 2002	
Brazil	27 October 2002	
Guinea	8 November 2002	
Somalia	22 February 2003	
Paraguay	10 April 2003	
Tunisia	22 October 2003	
Liechtenstein	1 December 2003	
Romania	16 January 2004	

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Nepal	12 June 2004	[12 June 2008]
Bulgaria	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Cameroon	25 June 2004	
Cyprus	16 August 2004	
Venezuela	20 August 2004	
Croatia	7 October 2004	[7 October 2008]
Serbia	3 September 2004	
Yemen	4 December 2004	
Jordan	12 December 2004	
Monaco	4 January 2005	[4 January 2009]
Colombia	6 January 2001	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2005	[5 March 2009]
Benin	10 April 2005	
Cape Verde	3 July 2005	
Cambodia	13 November 2005	
Czech Republic	31 December 2005	[31 December 2009]
Mauritius	7 January 2006	
Slovakia	27 May 2006	
Morocco	20 July 2006	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2006	
Costa Rica	10 December 2006	
Sri Lanka	1 February 2003	[1 February 2007]
Ethiopia	12 April 2007	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 2007	
Namibia	27 December 2007	
Fifth periodic reports		
Afghanistan	25 June 2004	
Argentina	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Belarus	25 June 2004	
Belize	25 June 2004	
Egypt	25 June 2004	
France	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Hungary	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Mexico	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Philippines	25 June 2004	

State party	Date on which the report was due	Revised date*
Russian Federation	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Senegal	25 June 2004	
Switzerland	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Uruguay	25 June 2004	
Austria	27 August 2004	[31 December 2008]
Panama	27 September 2004	
Colombia	6 January 2005	
Ecuador	25 April 2005	[28 April 2009]
Greece	4 November 2005	[4 November 2009]
China	2 November 2005	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2006	
United States of America	19 November 2005	[19 November 2011]
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6 January 2006	[6 January 2008]
Finland	28 September 2006	
Algeria	11 October 2006	
Brazil	27 October 2006	
Guinea	8 November 2006	
Somalia	22 February 2007	
Paraguay	10 April 2007	
Tunisia	22 October 2007	
Liechtenstein	1 December 2007	
Romania	16 January 2008	

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

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fortieth session is given below:

Tuesday, 29 April

10 a.m.	Australia: third periodic report	CAT/C/67/Add.7
3 p.m.	Sweden: fifth periodic report	CAT/C/SWE/5

Wednesday, 30 April

10 a.m.	Sweden: replies
3 p.m.	Australia: replies

Friday, 2 May

10 a.m.	Algeria: third periodic report	CAT/C/DZA/3
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Monday, 5 May

10 a.m.	Costa Rica: second periodic report	CAT/C/CRI/2
3 p.m.	Algeria: replies	

Tuesday, 6 May

10. a.m.	Indonesia: second periodic report	CAT/C/72/Add.1
3 p.m.	Costa Rica: replies	

Wednesday, 7 May

10 a.m.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: second periodic report	CAT/C/MKD/2
3 p.m.	Indonesia: replies	

Thursday, 8 May

10 a.m.	Zambia: second periodic report	CAT/C/ZMB/2
3 p.m.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: replies	

Friday, 9 May

10 a.m.	Iceland: third periodic report	CAT/C/ISL/3
3 p.m.	Zambia: replies	
5 p.m.	Iceland: replies (TBC)	

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.