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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The 103rd session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 October to 4 November 2011. The first meeting will be convened (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room) on Monday 17 October at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the 103rd session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's 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 Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 103rd session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. As established under rule 95 of its rules of procedure, a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to its 103rd session. The pre-session working group will meet from 10 to 14 October 2010.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-session working group on individual communications.
4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations.
5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
7. Consideration of country situations in the absence of reports, pursuant to rule 70 of the Committee's rules of procedure.
8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to Views under the Optional Protocol.
9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
10. Meeting with States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocols.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative

The High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative will open the 103rd session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

4. Meeting with representatives of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The following meetings have accordingly been scheduled: for specialized agencies on 17 October from 12 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.; for NHRIs and NGOs on the Islamic Republic of Iran on 17 October from 12.30 a.m. to 1 pm; for NHRIs and NGOs on Jamaica and Kuwait on 19 October from 12 a. m to 1p.m.; and for NHRIs and NGOs on Norway and Malawi on 24 October from 12 a.m. to 1p.m.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant, reference is made to chapter III and annexes III and IV of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly for 2011 (A/66/40, vol. I).

6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 103rd session are those of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Kuwait and Norway.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the 103rd session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

Islamic Republic of Iran	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/IRN/3)	Monday, 17 October 2011, p.m., Tuesday, 18 October, a.m.
Jamaica	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/JAM/3)	Wednesday, 19 October, p.m., Thursday 20 October, a.m.
Kuwait	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/KWT/2)	Thursday 20 October, p.m., Friday 21 October, a.m.
Norway	Sixth periodic report (CCPR/C/NOR/6)	Monday 24 October, p.m., Tuesday 25 October, a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 103rd session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Armenia, Kenya and Lithuania, as well as on the situation in Cape Verde (in the absence of a report).

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues prior to reporting of Uruguay, Cameroon, Monaco, Denmark and Moldova.

7. Consideration of country situations in the absence of reports, pursuant to rule 70 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

The Committee will consider the situation of civil and political rights protected under the Covenant in Malawi in the absence of a report, on Tuesday 25 October 2011, 3 p.m.

8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to Views under the Optional Protocol

At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions governing the procedure for following up on concluding observations. During the seventy-fifth session, a Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations was appointed; she will

provide a progress report on his activities during the 103rd session. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will also provide a progress report on his activities.

9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 330 communications are pending before the Committee as of 28 April 2011. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

10. The Committee will meet with the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 27 October at 3 p.m. at Palais de Nations in public session.
