



**International Convention for
the Protection of All Persons
from Enforced Disappearance**

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First session

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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The first session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 11 November 2011. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Tuesday, 8 November at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the first session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7, of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

The first session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the members of the Committee

In accordance with the draft provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the first meeting of the States parties to the Convention 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 on Enforced Disappearances independently, honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of the officers

The Committee shall elect its officers. Under the draft provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur for a term of two years, with due regard to equitable representation and appropriate gender balance.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda for its first session on the basis of the provisional agenda drawn up by the Secretary-General.

5. Adoption of the provisional rules of procedure, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 6, of the Convention

In accordance with in accordance with article 26, paragraph 6, of the Convention, the Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure. In this connection, the Committee will have before it the draft provisional rules of procedure (CED/C/R.1), which have been prepared by the Secretary-General with a view to facilitating its task.

6. Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee may wish, inter alia, to discuss the guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by the States parties under article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention, as well as its annual report, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention.

7. Cooperation and consultation with relevant organs, in accordance with article 28 of the Convention, including meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

In accordance with article 28 of the Convention, the Committee shall cooperate and consult with all relevant organs, offices and specialized agencies and funds of the United Nations, with the treaty bodies instituted by international instruments, with the special procedures of the United Nations and with the relevant regional intergovernmental organizations or bodies, as well as with all relevant State institutions, agencies or offices working towards the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances. Under this item, the Committee may wish to meet with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances with a view to ensuring, in the discharge of their respective mandates, the consistency of their procedures and observations.

8. Future meetings

Under this item, the Committee may wish to discuss the dates of its second session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, taking into account the calendar of conferences.

9. Other matters

Under this item the Committee may wish to discuss other matters related to its mandate.
