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COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE
RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS AND
MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES

Eighth session
Geneva, 14 – 25 April 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretariat

1. The eighth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 14 to 25 April 2008. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 14 April at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the eighth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, in accordance with rule 5 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure.
3. Election of officers, according to rules 12 and 13 of the provisional rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 73 of the Convention.
6. Submission of reports by States parties.
7. Promotion of the Convention.
8. Issues pertaining to the Convention.
9. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly.
10. Organizational and other matters.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the eighth session of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure, before assuming her duties after her first election, the member of the Committee elected at the Third Meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 6 December 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 on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of officers, according to rules 12 and 13 of the provisional rules of procedure

In accordance with article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention and rule 14, paragraph 1, of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. Pursuant to rules 12 and 13 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Under rule 13 of the provisional rules of procedure, where there is only one candidate for election of one of its officers, the Committee may decide to elect that person by acclamation. Where there are two or more candidates for election as one of its officers, or where the Committee otherwise decides to proceed with a ballot, the person who obtains a simple majority of the votes cast shall be elected. Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 6 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, unless the election of officers is required under rule 12. In accordance with rule 7, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 73 of the Convention

At its eighth session, the Committee will consider the initial reports received from Bolivia (CMW/CBOL/1) and the Syrian Arab Republic (CMW/C/SYR/1). The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned that the report of Bolivia is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Wednesday 16 April in the afternoon and on Thursday 17 April in the morning, and the report of the Syrian Arab Republic on Tuesday 15 April in the afternoon and on Wednesday 16 April in the morning.

6. Submission of reports by States parties

The Committee has received the following initial reports which are pending consideration by the Committee:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Date received</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Azerbaijan	1 July 2004	27 June 2007	CMW/C/AZE/1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 July 2004	2 August 2007	CMW/C/BIH/1
Colombia	1 July 2004	1 March 2007	CMW/C/COL/1
El Salvador	1 July 2004	19 February 2007	CMW/C/SLV/1

The reports that were due on 1 February 2008 but have not yet been received are listed below:

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>
Algeria	1 August 2006
Belize	1 July 2004
Burkina Faso	1 March 2005
Cape Verde	1 July 2004
Chile	1 July 2006
Ghana	1 July 2004
Guatemala	1 July 2004
Guinea	1 July 2004
Honduras	1 December 2006
Kyrgyzstan	1 January 2005
Lesotho	1 January 2007
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1 October 2005
Morocco	1 July 2004
Nicaragua	1 February 2007
Peru	1 January 2007

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>
Philippines	1 July 2004
Senegal	1 July 2004
Seychelles	1 July 2004
Sri Lanka	1 July 2004
Tajikistan	1 July 2004
Timor-Leste	1 May 2005
Turkey	1 January 2006
Uganda	1 July 2004
Uruguay	1 July 2004

7. Promotion of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will discuss possibilities for promoting ratification of the Convention and celebrate the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention.

8. Issues pertaining to the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will discuss current issues related to migrants or migration policy in the light of the provisions of the Convention.

9. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly

In accordance with article 74, paragraph 7, of the Convention, the Committee shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Convention.

10. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business, including its programme of work, dates for the future sessions of the Committee and treaty body reform. Under this item, the Committee will also discuss its guidelines for the presentation of periodic reports by States parties.
