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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS AND
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-fourth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 3 to 21 May 2010. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 3 May 2010 at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the forty-fourth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.
3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its forty-fourth and future sessions.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organization of work.
3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.
6. Consideration of reports:
 - (a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant;
 - (b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant.
7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies.
9. Miscellaneous matters.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 6, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

2. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, attention is drawn to the draft programme of work for the session set out in the present document, which was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee in accordance with established practice.

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may prepare general comments based on the various articles and provisions of the Covenant with a view to assisting States parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations. The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April-17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (days of general discussion, consideration and adoption of general comments, methods of work, NGO submissions, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item. At the present session, the Committee will review the status of development of the draft general comment on sexual and reproductive health rights and the future development of a draft general comment on article 10 of the Covenant. In addition, the Committee will also consider the future development of a statement on the corporate sector and human rights and a statement on sanitation.

During the session, an information briefing on indicators and benchmarking will be provided for the Committee. The Committee will also discuss the draft rules of procedures regarding the Optional Protocol to the Covenant and other methods of work.

4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee. In this connection, the attention of the members of the Committee is drawn to document E/C.12/2007/2 which contains the requested information.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

The Committee decided at its sixth session to nominate individual members to follow the work of each of the other treaty bodies. Such members are to follow as closely as possible the work of the relevant committees, to liaise where possible with members of those committees and to present an oral report on developments of both a procedural and substantive nature in their work which appeared to be of specific relevance to the work of the Committee (E/1992/23, paras. 371-373).

Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider matters emanating from the last Inter-Committee Meeting (ICM) and the meeting of Chairpersons and discuss issues to be raised at the next meetings scheduled to take place from 28-30 June and 1-2 July 2010 respectively. The reports of the previous meeting of Chairpersons/ICM, as well as any intersessional meetings, will be available to Committee members.

6. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General, in notes verbales dated 3 December 2009, informed the States parties concerned of the opening date and duration of the forty-fourth session of the Committee, and invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports would be considered. Following consultations with the Permanent Missions of the States parties concerned about the dates at which their respective reports would be examined, a tentative timetable for consideration of those reports was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

As at 26 February 2010, 35 reports as listed below had been received by the Secretary-General and were pending consideration by the Committee. The reports of the States parties which are scheduled for consideration at the forty-fourth (May 2010), forty-fifth (November 2010) and forty-sixth (May 2011) sessions of the Committee are identified in the last columns of the tables that follow. The reports indicated to be scheduled for consideration at sessions of the Committee further in the future are the next five reports received by the Committee, according to chronological order of receipt. Their scheduling for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fifth and future sessions is subject to approval by the Committee.

The following tables do not include States parties that were requested to submit reports by a specific deadline, failing which the Committee would proceed to examine the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in their territories in the absence of a report.

**Reports received and pending consideration
(ordered by the type of report and date received by the Committee)**

Initial reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
1. Cameroon (initial and second periodic reports)	E/C.12/CMR/1-2	26 Nov. 2008	30 June 2001 30 June 2006	
2. Ethiopia (initial to third periodic reports)	E/C.12/ETH/1-3	28 July 2009	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005 30 June 2010	
3. Kazakhstan	E/C.12/KAZ/1	13 Nov. 2007	30 June 2008	44th session, May 2010
4. Mauritania	E/C.12/MRT/1	20 Aug. 2009	30 June 2007	
5. Peru (initial to third periodic reports)	E/C.12/PER/1-3	26 May 2009	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
6. Tanzania (initial to third report)	E/C.12/TZA/1-3	25 Aug. 2009	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
7. Togo	E/C.12/TGO/1	26 Jan. 2010	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
8. Turkey	E/C.12/TUR/1	25 June 2008	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	46th session, May 2011
9. Turkmenistan	E/C.12/TKM/1	3 March 2009	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	

Second periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
10. Afghanistan (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/AFG/2-4	04 Sept. 2007	30 June 1995 30 June 2010	44th session, May 2010
11. Iran	E/C.12/IRN/2	03 Nov. 2009	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
12. Mauritius (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/MUS/4	03 March 2008	30 June 1995 30 June 2010	44th session, May 2010
13. Moldova	E/C.12/MDA/2	05 Sept. 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46th session, May 2011
14. Rwanda (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/RWA/2-4	20 January 2010	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
15. Slovakia	E/C.12/SVK/2	25. June 2009	30 June 07	
16. Sri Lanka (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/LKA/2-4	09 June 2008	30 June 1995 30 June 2010	45th session, November 2010
17. Switzerland (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/CHE/2-3	14 May 2008	30 June 1999 30 June 2009	45th session, November 2010
18. Yemen	E/C.12/YEM/2	03 July 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46th session, May 2011

Third periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
19. Algeria (third and fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/DZA/4	31 Dec. 2007	30 June 2006 30 June 2011	44th session, May 2010
20. Argentina	E/C.12/ARG/3	06 May 2009	30 June 2001 30 June 2006	
21. Azerbaijan	E/C.12/AZE/3	29 Sept. 2009	30 June 2009	
22. Dominican Republic	E/C.12/DOM/3	22 Aug. 2008	30 June 1999 30 June 2009	45th session, November 2010
23. Ecuador	E/C.12/ECU/3	08 Sept. 2009	30 June 2009	
24. Estonia	E/C.12/EST/3	31 Oct. 2008	30 June 2007	
25. Israel	E/C.12/ISR/3	20 Jan. 2009	30 June 2008	
26. Jamaica (third and fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/JAM/3-4	06 Jan. 2010	30 June 2003 30 June 2008	
27. New Zealand	E/C.12/NZL/3	15 May 2009	30 June 2008	
28. Uruguay (third and fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/URY/3-4	01 April 2008	30 June 2000 30 June 2010	45th session, November 2010

Fourth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
29. Bulgaria (fourth and fifth report)	E/C.12/BGR/4-5	31 July 2009	30 June 1999 30 June 2004 30 June 2013	
30. Iceland	E/C.12/ISL/4	19 Jan. 2010	30 June 2008	
31. Netherlands (fourth and fifth reports) and Netherlands Antilles (fourth report)	E/C.12/NLD/4-5 E/C.12/NLD/4/Add.1	09 April 2008 and 16 Dec. 2008	30 June 2007 30 June 2012	45th session, November 2010

Fifth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
32. Colombia	E/C.12/COL/5	22 Jan. 2008	30 June 2006 30 June 2011	44th session, May 2010
33. Denmark	E/C.12/DNK/5	25 Jan. 2010	30 June 2009	
34. Germany	E/C.12/DEU/5	16 Sept. 2008	30 June 2006	46th session, May 2011
35. Russian Federation	E/C.12/RUS/5	30 June 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46th session, May 2011

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of

their respective organization in the course of the discussion by the Committee of the report of each State party to the Covenant. The representatives of the States parties presenting reports to the Committee shall be free to respond to, or take into account, the statements made by the specialized agencies. The Secretary-General has invited the following specialized agencies, United Nations organs and financial institutions to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received. The Committee will have before it under this item the following document:

Note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/44/2).

8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

9. Miscellaneous matters

At its twenty-first session (1999), the Committee decided to include in its agenda a standing item, “miscellaneous matters”, under which it may consider any issue falling outside the scope of other standing agenda items.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

(3-21 May 2010)

First week: 3-7 May 2009

Monday, 3 May

1st meeting	(public)	<u>Item 1</u>	Adoption of the agenda
		<u>Item 2</u>	Organization of work
	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
		<u>Item 9</u>	Miscellaneous matters
2nd meeting	(public)	<u>Item 5</u>	Relations with <u>United Nations</u> organs and other treaty bodies
		<u>Item 3</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: <u>NGO submissions</u>

Tuesday, 4 May

3rd meeting	(public)	<u>Item 6</u>	Consideration of reports: Colombia
4th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 6</u>	Consideration of reports: Colombia (<i>continued</i>)

Wednesday, 5 May

5th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 6</u>	Consideration of reports: Colombia (<i>continued</i>)
6th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 6</u>	Consideration of reports: Algeria

Thursday, 6 May

- 7th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Algeria
(*continued*)
- 8th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Algeria
(*continued*)

Friday, 7 May

- 9th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Mauritius
- 10th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Mauritius

Second week: 10-14 May 2010

Monday, 10 May

- 11th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Mauritius
(*continued*)
- 12th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Kazakhstan

Tuesday, 11 May

- 13th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Kazakhstan
(*continued*)
- 14th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Kazakhstan
(*continued*)

Wednesday, 12 May

- 15th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Afghanistan

16th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Afghanistan
(*continued*)

Thursday, 13 May

Official holiday

Friday, 14 May

17th meeting (public) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Afghanistan
(*continued*)

18th meeting (private) Item 3 Substantive issues arising in the
implementation of the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights: **Information session
on indicators**

Third week: 17-21 May 2010

Monday, 17 May

19th meeting (private) Item 3 Substantive issues arising in the
implementation of the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights: **Optional Protocol–
Draft Rules of Procedure**

20th meeting (private) Item 3 Substantive issues arising in the
implementation of the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights: **Optional Protocol–
Draft Rules of Procedure**

Tuesday, 18 May

21st meeting (private) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of
concluding observations

22nd meeting (private) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

Wednesday, 19 May

23rd meeting (private) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

24th meeting (private) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

Thursday, 20 May

25th meeting Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

26th meeting Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

Friday, 21 May

27th meeting (private) Item 6 Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations

Item 3 Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: **Methods of work**

Item 4 Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Item 8 Formulation of suggestions and general recommendations

Item 9 Miscellaneous matters

28th^h meeting (public) Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: **Methods of work**
Close of session
