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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-sixth 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 2 to 20 May 2011. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 2 May 2011 at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the forty-sixth 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 7 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its forty-sixth and future sessions.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
6. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.
7. 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.
8. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
9. 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.
10. Miscellaneous matters.

Annotations

1. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the Committee's 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 (rule 15). Under rule 53 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

2. 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 except for the election of the officers when required under rule 14 of the rules of procedure. In accordance with rule 6, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

3. 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 tentative 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.

4. 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 consider a statement on the corporate sector and human rights.

During the session, the Committee will also discuss the draft rules of procedure regarding the Optional Protocol to the Covenant and other methods of work.

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

The Committee has been discussing follow-up consistently at its sessions. At the current session, the Committee will consider the Points of Agreement on follow-up to concluding observations, inquiries and visits decided at the Inter-Committee Meeting (ICM) Working Group held in January 2011. The Points of Agreement, which will be submitted to the ICM in June 2011 for endorsement, contain numerous proposals for a more structured and harmonised approach to follow-up across the treaty-bodies.

6. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider matters emanating from the Working Group of the Inter-Committee Meeting held from 12-14 January 2011, and discuss

issues to be raised the next Inter-Committee Meeting from 27 to 29 June 2011, and the meeting of Chairpersons from 30 June to 1 July 2011. The reports of the previous meeting of Chairpersons/ICM, as well as any intersessional meetings, will be made available to Committee members.

The 11th Meeting of the Joint Expert Group (JEG) UNESCO (Committee on Conventions and Recommendations)/Economic and Social Council (Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) on the Monitoring of the Right to Education, established by decision 2003/310 of 25 July 2003 of the Economic and Social Council and 162/EX/Decision 5.4 of the Executive Board of UNESCO (2-31 October 2001), will be convened on 29 April 2011, immediately prior to the 46th Session. The JEG is composed of four members, two members from the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and two members from the UNESCO Committee on Conventions and Recommendations.

7. 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 6 December 2010 informed the States parties concerned of the opening date and duration of the forty-sixth 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 7 February 2011, 45 reports from States parties 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-sixth (May 2011) and forty-seventh (November 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-seven reports received by the Committee, according to chronological order of receipt. Their scheduling for consideration by the Committee at its forty-sixth 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.

Initial reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
1. Djibouti (Initial and second reports)	E/C.12/DJI/1-2	21 July 2010	30 June 2009	
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. Mauritania	E/C.12/MRT/1	20 Aug. 2009	30 June 2007	
4. Peru (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/PER/2-4	26 May 2009	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
5. Togo	E/C.12/TGO/1	26 Jan. 2010	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
6. Turkey	E/C.12/TUR/1	25 June 2008	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	46 th session, May 2011
7. Turkmenistan	E/C.12/TKM/1	3 Mar 2009	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	47 th session November 2011
8. United Republic of 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	

Second periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
9. Albania (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/ALB/2-3	9 Apr 2010	30 June 2009 30 June 2014	
11. Bosnia and Herzegovina	E/C.12/BIH/2	9 Aug. 2010	30 June 2010	
11. Cameroon (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/CMR/2-3	26 Nov. 2008	30 June 2001 30 June 2006 30 June 2011	47 th session November 2011
12. China (second report) and Hong Kong (third report) and Macau (second report)	E/C.12/CHN/2 E/C.12/CHN/3/ Add.1 E/C.12/CHN/2/ Add.1	30 June 2010 30 June 2010 30 June 2010	30 June 2010 30 June 2015	
Czech Republic	E/C.12/CZE/2	30 Nov. 2010	30 June 2007	
13. Egypt (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/EGY/2-4	11 May 2010	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
14. Islamic Republic of Iran	E/C.12/IRN/2	3 Nov. 2009	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
15. Kuwait	E/C.12/KWT/2	31 Mar 2010	30 June 2009	
16. Lithuania	E/C.12/LTU/2	1 Feb 2010	30 June 2009	
17. Republic of Moldova	E/C.12/MDA/2	5 Sep 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46 th session, May 2011
18. Rwanda (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/RWA/2-4	20 Jan 2010	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	
19. Slovakia	E/C.12/SVK/2	25 June 2009	30 June 07	
22. Uzbekistan	E/C.12/UZB/2	2 July 2010	30 June 2010 30 June 2015	
23. Yemen	E/C.12/YEM/2	3 July 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46 th session, May 2011

Third periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
24. Argentina	E/C.12/ARG/3	6 May 2009	30 June 2001 30 June 2006	47 th session November 2011
25. Azerbaijan	E/C.12/AZE/3	29 Sep 2009	30 June 2009	
27. Ecuador	E/C.12/ECU/3	8 Sep 2009	30 June 2009	
El Salvador	E/C.12/SLV/3-5	5 Jan. 2011	30 June 2010	
28. Estonia	E/C.12/EST/3	31 Oct. 2008	30 June 2007	47 th session November 2011
29. Israel	E/C.12/ISR/3	20 Jan. 2009	30 June 2008	47 th session November 2011
30. Japan	E/C.12/JPN/3	22 Dec 2009	30 June 2006	
31. Jamaica (third and fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/JAM/3-4	6 Jan. 2010	30 June 2003 30 June 2008	
32. New Zealand	E/C.12/NZL/3	15 May 2009	30 June 2008	

Fourth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
33. Austria	E/C.12/AUT/4	28 July 2010	30 June 2010	
34. Belarus	E/C.12/BLR/4-6	19 Nov. 2010	30 June 2009	
34. Belgium	E/C.12/BEL/4	9 July 2010	30 June 2010 30 June 2015	
35. Bulgaria (fourth and fifth report)	E/C.12/BGR/4-5	31 July 2009	30 June 1999 30 June 2004 30 June 2013	
36. Iceland	E/C.12/ISL/4	19 Jan. 2010	30 June 2008	
Portugal	E/C.12/PRT/4	31 Jan. 2011	30 June 2005	

Fifth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
39. Denmark	E/C.12/DNK/5	25 Jan. 2010	30 June 2009	
40. Germany	E/C.12/DEU/5	16 Sept. 2008	30 June 2006	46th session, May 2011
41. Norway	E/C.12/NOR/5	28 June 2010	30 June 2010 30 June 2015	
42. Russian Federation	E/C.12/RUS/5	30 June 2008	30 June 2008 30 June 2013	46th session, May 2011
43. Spain	E/C.12/ESP/5	30 June 2010	30 June 2009	

(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. 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.

8. 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.12/46/2).

9. 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.

10. 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-sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2 – 20 May 2011)

First week: 2 – 6 May 2011

Monday, 2 May

1 st meeting	(public)	<u>Item 1</u>	Solemn oath by new members Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee
		<u>Item 2</u>	Adoption of the agenda
		<u>Item 3</u>	Organization of work
		<u>Item 8</u>	Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
	(private)	<u>Item 10</u>	Miscellaneous matters

2 nd meeting	(public)	<u>Item 6</u>	Relations with <u>United Nations</u> organs and other treaty bodies
	(public)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: <u>NGO submissions</u>

Tuesday, 3 May

3 rd meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Turkey
4 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Turkey (<i>continued</i>)

Wednesday, 4 May

5 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Turkey (<i>continued</i>)
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6 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Moldova
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Thursday, 5 May

7 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Moldova (<i>continued</i>)
8 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Moldova (<i>continued</i>)

Friday, 6 May

9 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Germany
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10 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Germany
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Second week: 9 – 13 May 2011

Monday, 9 May

11 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Germany
12 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Yemen

Tuesday, 10 May

13 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Yemen (<i>continued</i>)
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14 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Yemen (<i>continued</i>)
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Wednesday, 11 May			
15 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Russian Federation
16 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Russian Federation (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 12 May			
17 th meeting	(public)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Russian Federation (<i>continued</i>)
18 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Friday, 13 May			
19 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
20 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Third week: 16 – 20 May 2011			
Monday, 16 May			
21 st meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
22 nd meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Tuesday, 17 May			
23 rd meeting	(private)	<u>Item 4</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
	(private)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
24 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
Wednesday, 18 May			
25 th meeting		<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
26 th meeting		<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
Thursday, 19 May			
27 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
28 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: <u>Adoption of concluding observations</u>
Friday, 20 May			
29 th meeting	(private)	<u>Item 7</u>	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
		<u>Item 5</u>	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic,

30 th meeting	<u>(private)</u> <u>(public)</u>	<u>Item 5</u>	Social and Cultural Rights
			Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
		<u>Item 9</u>	Formulation of suggestions and general recommendations
		<u>Item 10</u>	Miscellaneous matters
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			Close of session
