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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-ninth 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 12 to 30 November 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 12 November 2012 at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the forty-ninth 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-ninth 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, except for the election of the officers when required under rule 14. 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 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.

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.

During the session, the Committee will proceed to the final reading of the draft rules of procedure regarding the Optional Protocol to the Covenant and also discuss methods of work, relating notably to the conduct of dialogues with State party delegations over two meetings instead of three.

4. 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, and maintains the issue of follow-up to previous concluding observations as an item of discussion during dialogues with delegations, when considering subsequent periodic reports.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider, as required, matters emanating from the Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies, held from 25 to 29 June 2012. Documentation related to this meeting is being made available to Committee members. Members will also be informed of activities undertaken by other treaty bodies as they relate to their work.

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 informed the States parties in June 2012, through notes verbales, of the opening date and duration of the forty-ninth session of the Committee, and invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports would be considered. A tentative timetable for consideration of those reports was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

As at 16 July 2012, 47 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 tentatively scheduled for consideration at the forty-ninth (November 2012) and fiftieth (April/May 2013) 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 seven to eight reports received by the Committee, according to chronological order of receipt. Their scheduling for consideration by the Committee at its fiftieth 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 | Forty-ninth session, November 2012 | |
| 2. Gabon | E/C.12/GAB/1 | 26 Oct. 2011 | 30 June 1990 | | |
| 3. Gambia | E/C.12/GMB/1 | 9 May 2012 | 30 June 1990 | | |
| 4. Indonesia | E/C.12/IDN/1 | 20 Jan. 2012 | 22 May 2007 | | |
| 5. Mauritania | E/C.12/MRT/1 | 20 Aug. 2009 | 30 June 2007 | | |
| 6. Montenegro | E/C.12/MNE/1 | 26 Dec. 2011 | 30 June 2008 | | |
| 7. Togo | E/C.12/TGO/1 | 26 Jan. 2010 | 30 June 1990 | | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 8. United Republic of Tanzania (initial to third periodic report) | E/C.12/TZA/1-3 | 25 Aug. 2009 | 30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 | | Forty-ninth session, November 2012 |

| 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 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 10. Armenia | E/C.12/ARM/2 | 8 July 2011 | 30 June 2000 | |
| 11. Bosnia and Herzegovina | E/C.12/BIH/2 | 9 Aug. 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 12. China (second report) | E/C.12/CHN/2 | 30 June 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |
| Hong Kong (third report) | E/C.12/CHN-HKG/3 | | | |
| Macau (second report) | E/C.12/CHN-MAC/2 | | | |
| 13. Czech Republic | E/C.12/CZE/2 | 30 Nov. 2010 | 30 June 2007 | |
| 14. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | E/C.12/IRN/2 | 3 Nov. 2009 | 30 June 1995 | |
| 15. Kuwait | E/C.12/KWT/2 | 31 Mar. 2010 | 30 June 2009 | |
| 16. Kyrgyzstan | E/C.12/KGZ/2-3 | 3 April 2012 | 30 June 2005 30 June 2010 | |
| 17. Lithuania | E/C.12/LTU/2 | 1 Feb. 2010 | 30 June 2009 | |
| 18. Monaco (second and third periodic reports) | E/C.12/MCO/2-3 | 26 May 2011 | 30 June 2009 | |

| Second periodic reports | Symbol | Date received | Date due | Scheduled for consideration at |
|--|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 19. Rwanda (second to fourth periodic reports) | E/C.12/RWA/2-4 | 20 Jan. 2010 | 30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 20. Serbia | E/C.12/SRB/2 | 24 March 2011 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 21. Slovenia | E/C.12/SVN/2 | 22 June 2011 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 22. Tajikistan (second and third periodic reports) | E/C.12/TJK/2-3 | 22 Sept. 2011 | 30 June 2011 | |
| 23. Uzbekistan | E/C.12/UZB/2 | 2 July 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 24. Viet Nam (second to fourth periodic reports) | E/C.12/VNM/2-4 | 15 Sept. 2011 | 30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005 | |

| Third periodic reports | Symbol | Date received | Date due | Scheduled for consideration at |
|---|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 25. Azerbaijan | E/C.12/AZE/3 | 29 Sept. 2009 | 30 June 2009 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 26. Ecuador | E/C.12/ECU/3 | 8 Sept. 2009 | 30 June 2009 | Forty-ninth session, November 2012 |
| 27. El Salvador (third to fifth periodic reports) | E/C.12/SLV/3-5 | 5 Jan. 2011 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 28. Guatemala | E/C.12/GTM/3 | 16 Dec. 2011 | 30 June 2008 | |
| 29. Ireland | E/C.12/IRL/3 | 7 May 2012 | 30 June 2007 | |
| 30. Jamaica (third and fourth periodic reports) | E/C.12/JAM/3-4 | 6 Jan. 2010 | 30 June 2003 30 June 2008 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 31. Japan | E/C.12/JPN/3 | 22 Dec. 2009 | 30 June 2006 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 32. Nepal | E/C.12/NPL/3 | 12 July 2011 | 30 June 2011 | |
| 33. Romania (third to fifth periodic reports) | E/C.12/ROU/3-5 | 15 Nov. 2011 | 30 June 1994 30 June 1999 30 June 2004 | |
| 34. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | E/C.12/VEN/3 | 29 May 2012 | 30 June 2006 | |

| Fourth periodic reports | Symbol | Date received | Date due | Scheduled for consideration at |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 35. Austria | E/C.12/AUT/4 | 28 July 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 36. Belarus (fourth to sixth periodic reports) | E/C.12/BLR/4-6 | 19 Nov. 2010 | 30 June 2009 | |
| 37. Belgium | E/C.12/BEL/4 | 9 July 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 38. Bulgaria (fourth and fifth periodic reports) | E/C.12/BGR/4-5 | 31 July 2009 | 30 June 1999 30 June 2004 | Forty-ninth session, November 2012 |
| 39. Chile | E/C.12/CHL/4 | 21 March 2012 | 30 June 2009 | |
| 40. Iceland | E/C.12/ISL/4 | 19 Jan. 2010 | 30 June 2008 | Forty-ninth session, November 2012 |
| 41. Mongolia | E/C.12/MNG/4 | 22 Feb. 2012 | 30 June 2009 | |
| 42. Paraguay | E/C.12/PRY/4 | 6 October 2011 | 30 June 2011 | |
| 43. Portugal | E/C.12/PRT/4 | 31 Jan. 2011 | 30 June 2005 | |

| Fifth periodic reports | Symbol | Date received | Date due | Scheduled for consideration at |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 44. Denmark | E/C.12/DNK/5 | 25 Jan. 2010 | 30 June 2009 | Fiftieth session April/May 2013 |
| 45. Norway | E/C.12/NOR/5 | 28 June 2010 | 30 June 2010 | |

| Sixth periodic reports | Symbol | Date received | Date due | Scheduled for consideration at |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 46. Finland | E/C.12/FIN/6 | 15 July 2011 | 30 June 2010 | |
| 47. Ukraine | E/C.12/UKR/6 | 21 June 2011 | 30 June 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. 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.12/49/2).

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-ninth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (12 – 30 November 2012)

First week: 12-16 November 2012

Monday, 12 November

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

Tuesday, 13 November

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| 3rd meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: United Republic of Tanzania |
| 4th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: United Republic of Tanzania (<i>continued</i>) |

Wednesday, 14 November

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| 5th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: United Republic of Tanzania (<i>continued</i>) |
| 6th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Ecuador |

Thursday, 15 November

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| 7th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Ecuador (<i>continued</i>) |
| 8th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Mauritania |

Friday, 16 November

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| 9th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Mauritania (<i>continued</i>) |
| 10th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Mauritania (<i>continued</i>) |

Second week: 19-23 November**Monday, 19 November**

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| 11th meeting | (private) | Item 5 | Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies |
| 12th meeting | (public) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: NGO submissions |

Tuesday, 20 November

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| 13th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Bulgaria |
| 14th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Bulgaria (<i>continued</i>) |

Wednesday, 21 November

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| 15th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Iceland |
| 16th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Iceland (<i>continued</i>) |

Thursday, 22 November

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| 17th meeting | (public) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Equatorial Guinea |
| 18th meeting | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Equatorial Guinea (<i>continued</i>) |

Friday, 23 November

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| 19th meeting | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Republic of Congo |
| 20th meeting | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Republic of Congo (<i>continued</i>) |

Third week: 26-30 November**Monday, 26 November**

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| 21st meeting | (private) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| 22nd meeting | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Adoption of Concluding observations |

Tuesday, 27 November

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| 23rd meeting | (private) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| 24th meeting | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations |

Wednesday, 28 November

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| 25th meeting | (private) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| 26th meeting | (private) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation |

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| Thursday, 29 November | (private) | Item 6 | Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations |
| | (private) | Item 3 | Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| Friday, 30 November | | | |
| 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 |
| | | 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 meeting | (private) | Item 9 | Miscellaneous matters |
| | (public) | | Close of session |
