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List of themes to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the sixth to eighth periodic reports of Tajikistan (CERD/C/TJK/6-8)*

The following is a list of themes identified by the Country Rapporteur in connection with the consideration of the combined sixth, seventh and eighth periodic reports of Tajikistan. The list is meant to guide the dialogue between the State party delegation and the Committee and *does not require written replies*. This is not an exhaustive list as other issues will be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. **The Convention in domestic law; the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7):**
 - (a) In the absence of a definition of racial discrimination, information on the prohibition of racial discrimination in political and cultural life, employment and education;
 - (b) Cases of direct application of the Convention in the domestic legal order; information on court cases related to racial discrimination;
 - (c) Further information on the work of the Commissioner for Human Rights, in particular on racial discrimination cases;
 - (d) Awareness-raising activities on human rights and the Convention among the general population.
2. **Application of the Convention to national and ethnic minorities (arts. 2, 5 and 7)**
 - (a) Data on the ethnic composition of the population;

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- (b) Representation of minorities in the judiciary and other public services, in particular those in charge of culture and education;
- (c) Access of minorities to employment;
- (d) Efforts to ensure the availability of mother-tongue textbooks in minority languages;
- (e) Information on the progress made for the finalization of the draft National Development Strategy up to 2020; implementation of the Cultural Development Programme for the period 2008-2015 and of the 1997 Culture Act.

3. Situation of Roma (art. 5):

- (a) Detailed information on the assessment concerning the general situation of the Roma community;
- (b) Measures undertaken to address the low level of education and unemployment; stigmatization of and discrimination against Roma.

4. Discrimination against non-citizens, including refugees and asylum seekers (arts. 5 and 6):

- (a) Freedom of movement and residence of refugees and asylum seekers under the 2002 Refugees Act;
 - (b) Data on refugees who have been granted Tajik citizenship; information regarding the amendment of the Citizenship Act initiated in November 2008;
 - (c) Non-refoulement principle and fundamental safeguards for refugees and asylum seekers, mainly of Afghan origin.
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