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## **CHAPTER XII. OVERVIEW OF THE METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

479. An overview of the methods of work of the Committee was included in its report to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.<sup>i</sup> It highlighted changes introduced in recent years and was designed to improve the Committee's procedures.

480. At its sixtieth session, the Committee decided to review its working methods at its sixty-first session and asked Mr. Valencia Rodríguez, convenor of an open-ended working group on this issue, to prepare and submit a working paper for consideration. The working paper submitted by Mr. Valencia Rodríguez was discussed and revised further by the Committee at its sixty-second and sixty-third sessions and adopted at the sixty-third session, with the exception of one paragraph which remains pending. The text of the paper as adopted was included in an annex to the Committee's report to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.<sup>ii</sup>

481. At its sixty-fourth session, the Committee continued to discuss its working methods and, in particular, the question of follow-up to the recommendations addressed to States parties after consideration of their initial or periodic reports. The Committee decided to add a new paragraph to rule 65 of its rules of procedure concerning the request for additional information from States parties. The text of rule 65 as amended can be found in annex III.

482. At its 1670th meeting (sixty-fifth session), the Committee decided, in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 65 of its rules of procedure, to appoint the following members as coordinator and alternate coordinator to further the implementation of paragraph 1 of rule 65 of its rules of procedure concerning requests for additional information from States parties.

Coordinator: Mr. Morten Kjaerum (2004-2006)

Alternate: Mr. Nourredine Amir (2004-2006)

483. At its 1659th meeting (sixty-fifth session), the Committee established a working group on early warning and urgent action procedures. This working group includes the following five members of the Committee:

Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill (2004-2006)

Members: Mr. Alexei S. Avtonomov (2004-2006)  
Mr. Jose Francisco Cali Tzay (2004-2006)  
Mr. Régis de Gouttes (2004-2006)  
Mr. Agha Shahi (2004-2006)

484. The working group met for the first time during the sixty-fifth session of the Committee to discuss a number of cases brought to its attention.

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<sup>i</sup> *Official Reports of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/51/18), paras. 587-627.*

<sup>ii</sup> *Ibid, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/58/18), annex IV.*

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### **Annex III**

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##### ***Rules of procedure***

##### **Request for additional information**

##### ***Rule 65***

1. *If the Committee decides to request an additional report or further information from a State party under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, it may indicate the manner as well as the time within which such additional report or further information shall be supplied and shall transmit its decision to the Secretary-General for communication, within two weeks, to the State party concerned.*

2. *In order to further the implementation of the above paragraph, the Committee shall appoint a coordinator for a period of two years. In fulfilling his/her tasks, the coordinator shall cooperate with country rapporteurs.*

*Note:* This document complements and amends the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD/C/35/Rev.3).