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I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

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F. Future meetings of the Committee

10. At its 23rd meeting (third session), on 14 December 2005, the Committee decided that its fifth session would be held from 30 October to 3 November 2006, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

11. At its 29th meeting (fourth session), the Committee decided to request the Secretary-General to arrange two sessions for the Committee in 2007, each of one week's duration. This arrangement would replace a single three-week session, which had initially been programmed in the budgetary estimates for the 2006-2007 biennium. In accordance with rule 19 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General prepared and circulated to the Committee's members a written estimate of the costs involved in the decision (see annex III). The sessions of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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J. Treaty body reform

18. At its 23rd meeting (third session), on 14 December 2005, the Committee discussed treaty body reform, and in particular the proposal for a unified standing treaty body. The Committee was of the view that it would need more specific information in order to be able to give an opinion on the desirability of a unified standing treaty body. It delegated its Chairperson to address a letter to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in that regard.

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II. METHODS OF WORK

20. At its 36th meeting (fourth session) on 27 April 2006, the Committee discussed further methods of work in relation to the consideration of States parties' reports and decided to give an opportunity to the national human rights institution of the State concerned to make a statement during the consideration of the State party's report, if the State party's delegation had no objection.

21. Also at the 36th meeting, the Committee decided to provide an opportunity for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies and non-governmental

organizations to make a presentation to the Committee at a public meeting during the session at which the Committee was to consider a State party's report.

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Annex III

Oral Statement made in accordance with rule 19 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure concerning the Committee's request for two sessions in 2007*

1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 19 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
2. At its 29th meeting (fourth session), the Committee would decide to request the Secretary-General to arrange for two sessions of the Committee in 2007 of one week's duration each. This arrangement would replace one three-week session, which has been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.
3. The full costs of the activities envisaged under the terms of the draft decision would amount to US\$ 772,900 in the biennium 2006-2007 as follows:

Conference servicing

Section 2, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services	US\$ 640,800
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	<u>US\$ 6,100</u>
	US\$ 646,900

Travel

Section 23, Human rights	US\$ 126,000
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4. Based on the experience of the pattern of meetings of the Committee, the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006 and 2007 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/236 provides for two sessions of the Committee of one week's duration each in 2007. No changes in the conference-servicing requirements for the Committee under section 2 are therefore estimated for 2007.

5. The full costs of currently authorized activities of the Committee in 2007 under sections 23 and 28E are reflected below. Total full costs provided for the Committee in 2007 amount to US\$ 744,600 as follows:

Conference servicing

Section 2, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services	US\$ 640,800
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* Statement made at the 38th meeting (fourth session), on 28 April 2006 (see CMW/C/SR.38).

Section 28E, Administration, Geneva

US\$ 9,200

US\$ 650,000

Travel

Section 23, Human rights

US\$ 94,600

6. As can be noted from paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above, the decision for two one-week sessions in 2007 would result in additional requirements under section 23, for travel of the Committee members in the amount of US\$ 31,400, while a reduction by \$3,100 is expected in the conference-servicing requirements under section 28E. It is intended to accommodate within overall resources provided under section 23 of the 2006-2007 programme budget the additional requirements of \$31,400. Additional appropriation would therefore not be required.

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