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II. METHODS OF WORK

18. At its 96th meeting (ninth session), the Committee discussed its procedure concerning follow-up to its concluding observations. Although the Committee does not request follow-up replies to its concluding observations on initial reports, it has received voluntary follow-up replies from Ecuador and Mexico. The Committee decided that the Committee member who had acted as rapporteur for the examination of the report concerned would study the follow-up replies received and recommend appropriate action to the Committee.

19. With regard to the periodicity of reports, as of its ninth session, the Committee decided that, for initial reports that were submitted late and where the due date for the next periodic report is within two years or already passed, it will request the State party concerned to present its periodic report within two years of the examination of the initial report.

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