

ALGERIA

Special Decisions Re: Reporting, including Urgent Action Procedure

CERD A/50/18 (1995)

II. PREVENTION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING EARLY WARNING AND URGENT PROCEDURES

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A. Decisions adopted by the Committee

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3 (46). Reports requested urgently from Algeria

Alarmed by the continuing violence in Algeria, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, requests the Government of Algeria to expedite its eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due on 15 March 1993 and 1995 respectively, with particular reference to article 5 (b) of the Convention.

1089th meeting

10 March 1995

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B. Further action by the Committee

27. The Committee, in its decision 3(46), Reports requested urgently from Algeria, adopted at its 1089th meeting on 10 March 1995, expressed its alarm at the continuing violence in Algeria and requested the Government of that country to expedite its eleventh and twelfth periodic reports due on 15 March 1993 and 1995 respectively with particular reference to article 5 (b) of the Convention.

28. The Committee welcomed the attendance at its 1119th meeting, held on 14 August 1995, of a representative of the Government of Algeria, as well as the indication that a full written report would soon be submitted. The representative presented information on the current situation in the country, particularly with regard to the treatment of foreigners. The representative emphasized that his Government abhorred attacks on foreigners, vigorously pursued perpetrators, and in all respects ensured that foreign victims of crime were treated equally to citizen victims. He noted, for instance, that citizens and non-citizens alike could benefit from programmes of compensation for personal injuries and damage to property.

29. Members of the Committee expressed appreciation for the information provided by the representative. They noted the commitment of his Government to submit a written report and requested that it be submitted in time for consideration at a session of the Committee in 1996. Members indicated that, prior to submission of that report, there was continued uncertainty as to the extent to which the ongoing violence was a subject of specific concern to the Committee within the

provisions of the Convention, although they noted their competence with regard to attacks directed against foreigners. In that regard, members welcomed the initiatives taken by the Government to protect foreigners.