

BULGARIA

Special Decisions or Action taken Re: Reporting, Including Urgent Action Procedure

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Annex V

Text of communication sent to 17 states parties under article 9 of the convention adopted at the third session of the committee on 23 April 1971

At its third session, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in discharge of its responsibilities under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, continued its consideration of the reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with paragraph 1 of that article.

It may be recalled that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is called upon, under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to submit annual reports to the General Assembly on its activities and to make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States Parties to the Convention.

In its communication adopted at its first session on 28 January 1970 CERD/C/R.12 contained in A/8027, annex III A) and transmitted to the States Parties in a note verbale by the Secretary-General on 27 February 1970, a copy of which is forwarded herewith, the Committee has laid down the type of information which it would expect to receive in pursuance of the provisions of article 9 of the Convention.

At its second session, on 16 September 1970, the Committee adopted a communication (A/8027, annex III B) addressed to States Parties whose reports under article 9 had been received, requesting them to compare the reports they had submitted with the communication adopted at the first session (CERD/C/R.12) and to furnish the Committee with information on those points which their reports did not cover. This communication was transmitted to the States Parties concerned by the Secretary-General in a note verbale dated 13 October 1970.

The Committee would appreciate it if the Government of [Bulgaria] would once again compare the information it has submitted with the communication adopted at the first session of the Committee and to furnish the Committee with all pertinent information by 15 July 1971. In this connection, attention is drawn to the summary records of the [41st - 58th] meetings of the third session of the Committee (CERD/C/SR.[41-58]), at which it discussed the report already submitted by [Bulgaria].

The summary records referred to above will be forwarded by the Secretary-General as soon as they are available in final form.

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Annex IV

Texts of communications sent through the Secretary-General to States Parties whose representatives did not participate in the consideration by the Committee of their respective reports, submitted in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the convention, at the ninth and tenth sessions of the Committee

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E. Communication to the Governments of ... Bulgaria... e/

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered the report submitted by the Government of [Bulgaria] at its [213th] meeting ([tenth] session), held on [21 August] 1974, without the benefit of the participation of a representative of the Government of [Bulgaria].

The views expressed by members of the Committee during the discussion, and the decision adopted by the Committee, may be found in the summary records of the meeting (document CERD/C/SR.[213], to be sent as soon as the final version is available) and will also be reflected in the fifth annual report, which will be submitted by the Committee to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

The Committee hopes that the views and decision in question, as well as the documents included in CERD/C/R.60 and Add.1, will be taken into account by the Government of [Bulgaria] during the preparation of its next report in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

e/ Adopted at the 215th meeting, on 22 August 1974.

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Chapter V: Review of the Implementation of the Convention in States Parties the Reports of Which are Seriously Overdue

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C. Action taken by the Committee to ensure submission of reports by States parties

525. At its forty-second session, the Committee, having emphasized that the delays in reporting by States parties hampered it in monitoring implementation of the Convention, decided that it would continue to proceed with the review of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention by States parties whose reports were overdue by five years or more. In accordance with a decision taken at its thirty-ninth session, the Committee agreed that this review would be based upon the last reports submitted by the State party concerned and their consideration by the Committee. At its forty-ninth session, the Committee further decided that States parties whose initial reports were overdue by five years or more would also be scheduled for a review of the implementation of the Convention. The Committee agreed that in the absence of an initial report, the Committee would consider all information submitted by the State party to other organs of the United Nations or, in the absence of such material, reports and information prepared by organs of the United Nations. In practice the Committee also considers relevant information from other sources, including from non-governmental organizations, whether it is an initial or periodic report that is seriously overdue.

526. Following its seventy-first session, the Committee decided to schedule for its seventy-second session the review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties whose periodic reports were seriously overdue: Bulgaria, Gambia, Monaco, Panama and the United Arab Emirates. Bulgaria's report was subsequently received, prior to the seventy-second session. In the cases of Monaco, Panama and the United Arab Emirates, the reviews were postponed at the request of the States parties, which indicated their intention to submit the requested reports shortly. The reports of Monaco and the United Arab Emirates have been received in the meantime.

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