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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-eighth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 7 May to 1 June 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 7 May, at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.
3. Election of the officers of the Committee.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Organizational and other matters.
6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention.
9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The forty-eighth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev.5), the new members of the Committee elected at the thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on 18 October 2011 will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

(a) Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-eighth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 10 February 2012, the reports of the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

Initial reports	Symbols
Gabon	CAT/C/GAB/1
Mauritania	CAT/C/MRT/1

Periodic reports	Symbols
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	CAT/C/BOL/2
Estonia *	CAT/C/EST/5
Guatemala*	CAT/C/GTM/6
Japan *	CAT/C/JPN/2
Mexico*	CAT/C/MEX/5-6
Netherlands*	CAT/C/NLD/6
Norway *	CAT/C/NOR/6-7
Peru *	CAT/C/PER/6
Qatar	CAT/C/QAT/2
Russian Federation *	CAT/C/RUS/5
Senegal	CAT/C/SEN/3
Tajikistan	CAT/C/TJK/2
Togo	CAT/C/TGO/2
Tunisia **	CAT/C/TUN/3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CAT/C/GBR/5
Uzbekistan	CAT/C/UZB/4

* Reports submitted under the optional reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

(b) Reports due

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 10 February 2012 is as follows:

Initial reports	
State party	Due date
Andorra	22 October 2007
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994
Bangladesh	4 November 1999
Botswana	7 October 2001
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Congo	30 August 2004
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2003
Guinea	8 November 1990
Holy See	25 July 2003
Lebanon	3 November 2001
Lesotho	11 December 2002
Liberia	22 October 2005
Malawi	10 July 1997
Maldives	20 May 2005
Mali	27 March 2000
Mozambique	14 October 2000
Niger	3 November 1999
Nigeria	28 June 2002
Pakistan	23 July 2011
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 August 2002
San Marino	27 December 2007
Seychelles	3 June 1993
Sierra Leone	25 May 2002
Somalia	22 February 1991
Swaziland	25 April 2005
Thailand	1 November 2008
Timor-Leste	16 May 2004

Periodic reports			
State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations
Afghanistan	Second	25 June 1992	
	Third	25 June 1996	
	Fourth	25 June 2000	
	Fifth	25 June 2004	
	Sixth	25 June 2008	
Albania	Third	9 June 2003	
	Fourth	9 June 2007	
	Fifth	9 June 2011	
Algeria	Fourth	11 October 2002	[20 June 2012]
	Fifth	11 October 2006	
	Sixth	11 October 2010	
Andorra	Second	22 October 2011	
Antigua and Barbuda	Second	17 August 1998	
	Third	17 August 2002	
	Fourth	17 August 2006	
	Fifth	17 August 2010	
Argentina	Fifth	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
	Sixth	25 June 2008	[25 June 2008]
Armenia	Fourth	12 October 2006	
	Fifth	12 October 2010	
Australia	Fourth	6 September 2002	[30 June 2012]
	Fifth	6 September 2006	[30 June 2012]
	Sixth	6 September 2010	
Austria	Sixth	27 August 2008	[14 May 2014]
Azerbaijan	Fourth	14 September 2009	[20 November 2013]
Bahrain	Second	4 April 2003	[4 April 2007]
	Third	4 April 2007	
	Fourth	4 April 2011	
Bangladesh	Second	4 November 2003	
	Third	4 November 2007	
	Fourth	4 November 2011	

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations	
Belarus	Fifth	25 June 2004	[21 November 2012]	
	Sixth	25 June 2008		
Belgium	Third	25 July 2008		
Belize	Second	25 June 1992		[30 December 2011]
	Third	25 June 1996		
	Fourth	25 June 2000		
	Fifth	25 June 2004		
	Sixth	25 June 2008		
	Benin	Third	10 April 2001	
	Fourth	10 April 2005		
	Fifth	10 April 2009		
	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Third	11 May 2008	
Botswana	Second	7 October 2005	[31 December 2008]	
	Third	7 October 2009		
Brazil	Second	27 October 1994		
	Third	27 October 1998		
	Fourth	27 October 2002		
	Fifth	27 October 2006		
	Sixth	27 October 2010		
	Burkina Faso	Second	2 February 2004	
Third		2 February 2008		
Fourth		2 February 2012		
Burundi	Second	19 March 1998	[31 December 2008]	
	Third	19 March 2002		
	Fourth	19 March 2006		
	Fifth	19 March 2010		
Cambodia	Third	13 November 2001	[19 November 2014]	
	Fourth	13 November 2005		
	Fifth	13 November 2009		
Cameroon	Fifth	25 June 2008	[14 May 2014]	
Cape Verde	Second	3 July 1997		

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Chad	Third	3 July 2001	
	Fourth	3 July 2005	
	Fifth	3 July 2009	
	Second	9 July 2000	[15 May 2013]
	Third	9 July 2004	
Chile	Fourth	9 July 2008	
	Sixth	29 October 2009	[15 May 2013]
China, including Hong Kong, China and Macao, China	Fifth	2 November 2005	[21 November 2012]
	Sixth	2 November 2009	
Colombia	Fifth	6 January 2005	[20 November 2013]
	Sixth	6 January 2009	
Congo	Second	30 August 2008	
Costa Rica	Third	10 December 2002	[30 June 2012]
	Fourth	10 December 2006	
	Fifth	10 December 2010	
Côte d'Ivoire	Second	16 January 2001	
	Third	16 January 2005	
	Fourth	16 January 2009	
Croatia	Fourth	7 October 2004	[7 October 2008]
	Fifth	7 October 2008	[7 October 2008]
Cuba	Third	15 June 2004	
	Fourth	15 June 2008	
Cyprus	Fourth	16 August 2004	
	Fifth	16 August 2008	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Second	16 April 2001	[16 April 2009]
	Third	16 April 2005	[16 April 2009]
	Fourth	16 April 2009	[16 April 2009]
Djibouti	Second	5 December 2007	
	Third	5 December 2011	
Egypt	Fifth	25 June 2004	

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations
El Salvador	Sixth	25 June 2008	
	Third	16 July 2005	[20 November 2013]
	Fourth	16 July 2009	
Equatorial Guinea	Second	6 November 2007	
	Third	6 November 2011	
Ethiopia	Second	12 April 1999	[19 November 2014]
	Third	12 April 2003	
	Fourth	12 April 2007	
	Fifth	12 April 2011	
Gabon	Second	7 October 2005	
	Third	7 October 2009	
Georgia	Fourth	27 November 2007	[24 November 2011]
	Fifth	27 November 2011	
Ghana	Second	6 October 2005	[3 June 2015]
	Third	6 October 2009	
Guinea	Second	8 November 1994	
	Third	8 November 1998	
	Fourth	8 November 2002	
	Fifth	8 November 2006	
	Sixth	8 November 2010	
Guyana	Second	17 June 1993	[31 December 2008]
	Third	17 June 1997	
	Fourth	17 June 2001	
	Fifth	17 June 2005	
	Sixth	17 June 2009	
Holy See	Second	25 July 2007	
	Third	25 July 2011	
Honduras	Second	3 January 2002	[15 May 2013]
	Third	3 January 2006	
	Fourth	3 January 2010	

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Hungary	Fifth	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
	Sixth	25 June 2008	[31 December 2010]
Indonesia	Third	27 November 2007	[30 June 2012]
	Fourth	27 November 2011	
Ireland	Second	11 May 2007	[3 June 2015]
	Third	11 May 2011	
Israel	Fifth	1 November 2008	[15 May 2013]
Italy	Sixth	11 February 2010	[30 June 2011]
Japan	Third	29 July 2008	
Jordan	Third	12 December 2000	[14 May 2014]
	Fourth	12 December 2004	
	Fifth	12 December 2008	
Kazakhstan	Third	25 September 2007	[21 November 2012]
	Fourth	25 September 2011	
Kenya	Second	22 March 2002	[21 November 2012]
	Third	22 March 2006	
	Fourth	22 March 2010	
Kuwait	Third	6 April 2005	[3 June 2015]
	Fourth	6 April 2009	
Kyrgyzstan	Second	4 October 2002	
	Third	4 October 2006	
	Fourth	4 October 2010	
Latvia	Fifth	13 May 2009	[30 December 2011]
Lebanon	Second	3 November 2005	
	Third	3 November 2009	
Lesotho	Second	12 December 2006	
	Third	12 December 2010	
Liberia	Second	22 October 2009	
Libya	Fourth	14 June 2002	
	Fifth	14 June 2006	
	Sixth	14 June 2010	

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations
Liechtenstein	Fourth	1 December 2003	[14 May 2014]
	Fifth	1 December 2007	
	Fourth	1 December 2011	
Lithuania	Third	2 March 2005	[21 November 2012]
	Fourth	2 March 2009	
Madagascar	Second	13 January 2011	
Malawi	Second	10 July 2001	
	Third	10 July 2005	
	Fourth	10 July 2009	
Maldives	Second	20 May 2009	
Mali	Second	27 March 2004	
	Third	27 March 2008	
Malta	Third	12 October 1999	[31 December 2000]
	Fourth	12 October 2003	
	Fifth	12 October 2007	
	Sixth	12 October 2011	
Mauritania	Second	17 December 2009	
Mauritius	Fourth	7 January 2006	[3 June 2015]
	Fifth	7 January 2010	
Mongolia	Second	23 February 2007	[19 November 2014]
	Third	23 February 2011	
Montenegro	Second	23 November 2010	[21 November 2012]
Morocco	Fifth	21 July 2010	
Mozambique	Second	14 October 2004	
	Third	14 October 2008	
Namibia	Second	27 December 1999	
	Third	27 December 2003	
	Fourth	27 December 2007	

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Nepal	Fifth	27 December 2011	
	Third	12 June 2000	[12 June 2008]
	Fourth	12 June 2004	[12 June 2008]
	Fifth	12 June 2008	[12 June 2008]
New Zealand	Sixth	8 January 2011	[15 May 2013]
Nicaragua	Second	4 August 2010	[15 May 2013]
Niger	Second	3 November 2003	
	Third	3 November 2007	
	Fourth	3 November 2011	
Nigeria	Second	28 June 2006	
	Third	28 June 2010	
Panama	Fourth	22 September 2000	
	Fifth	22 September 2004	
	Sixth	22 September 2008	
Philippines	Third	25 June 1996	[15 May 2013]
	Fourth	25 June 2000	
	Fifth	25 June 2004	
	Sixth	25 June 2008	
Poland	Sixth	25 August 2010	[30 June 2011]
Portugal	Sixth	10 March 2010	[30 December 2011]
Qatar	Third	10 February 2008	
Republic of Korea	Third	7 February 2004	[7 February 2012]
	Fourth	7 February 2008	[7 February 2012]
	Fifth	7 February 2012	
Republic of Moldova	Third	27 December 2004	[20 November 2013]
	Fourth	27 December 2008	
Romania	Second	16 January 1996	
	Third	16 January 2000	
	Fourth	16 January 2004	

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations	
Russian Federation	Fifth	16 January 2008		
	Sixth	16 January 2012		
	Sixth	25 June 2008		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Second	30 August 2006		
	Third	30 August 2010		
San Marino	Second	27 December 2011		
Saudi Arabia	Second	21 October 2002		
	Third	21 October 2006		
	Fourth	21 October 2010		
Senegal	Fourth	25 June 2000		
	Fifth	25 June 2004		
	Sixth	25 June 2008		
Serbia	Second	11 April 2006		[21 November 2012]
	Third	11 April 2010		
Seychelles	Second	3 June 1997		
	Third	3 June 2001		
	Fourth	3 June 2005		
	Fifth	3 June 2009		
Sierra Leone	Second	25 May 2006		
	Third	25 May 2010		
Slovakia	Third	27 May 2002		[20 November 2013]
	Fourth	27 May 2006		
	Fifth	27 May 2010		
Slovenia	Fourth	14 August 2006		
	Fifth	14 August 2010		
Somalia	Second	22 February 1995		
	Third	22 February 1999		
	Fourth	22 February 2003		
	Fifth	22 February 2007		

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations
South Africa	Sixth	22 February 2011	
	Second	9 January 2004	[31 December 2009]
	Third	9 January 2008	
	Fourth	9 January 2012	
Spain	Sixth	19 November 2008	[23 November 2013]
Sri Lanka	Fifth	1 February 2011	
Swaziland	Second	25 April 2009	
Sweden	Seventh	25 June 2011	[30 June 2012]
Switzerland	Seventh	25 June 2011	[14 May 2014]
Syrian Arab Republic	Second	18 September 2009	[14 May 2014]
Tajikistan	Third	9 February 2004	
	Fourth	9 February 2008	
	Fifth	9 February 2012	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Third	11 January 2003	[30 June 2012]
	Fourth	11 January 2007	
	Fifth	11 January 2011	
Timor-Leste	Second	16 May 2008	
Togo	Third	17 December 1996	
	Fourth	17 December 2000	
	Fifth	17 December 2004	
	Sixth	17 December 2008	
Tunisia	Fourth	22 October 2003	
	Fifth	22 October 2007	
	Sixth	22 October 2011	
Turkey	Fourth	31 August 2001	[19 November 2014]
	Fifth	31 August 2005	
	Sixth	31 August 2009	
Turkmenistan	Second	24 July 2004	

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State party	Reports	Due date	Revised date according to the Committee's last concluding observations
Uganda	Third	24 July 2008	
	Second	25 June 1992	[25 June 2008]
	Third	25 June 1996	
	Fourth	25 June 2000	
	Fifth	25 June 2004	
	Sixth	25 June 2008	
Ukraine	Sixth	25 June 2007	[30 June 2011]
	Seventh	25 June 2011	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sixth	6 January 2010	
United States of America	Fifth	19 November 2011	[19 November 2011]
Uruguay	Third	25 June 1996	
	Fourth	25 June 2000	
	Fifth	25 June 2004	
	Sixth	25 June 2008	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Fourth	20 August 2004	
	Fifth	20 August 2008	
Yemen	Third	4 December 2000	[14 May 2014]
	Fourth	4 December 2004	
	Fifth	4 December 2008	
Zambia	Third	6 November 2007	[30 June 2012]
	Fourth	6 November 2011	

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-eighth session is given below:

Tuesday, 8 May 10 a.m.	Albania: second periodic report	CAT/C/ALB/2
Wednesday, 9 May 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Greece: fifth and sixth periodic reports Albania: replies	CAT/C/GRC/5-6
Thursday, 10 May 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Armenia: third periodic report Greece: replies	CAT/C/ARM/3
Friday, 11 May 3 p.m.	Armenia: replies	
Monday, 14 May 10 a.m.	Czech Republic: fourth and fifth periodic reports	CAT/C/CZE/4-5
Tuesday, 15 May 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Rwanda: initial report Czech Republic: replies	CAT/C/RWA/1
Wednesday, 16 May 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Syrian Arab Republic: special report Rwanda: replies	To be submitted
Friday, 18 May 3 p.m.	Syrian Arab Republic: replies	
Monday, 21 May 10 a.m.	Canada: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/CAN/6
Tuesday, 22 May 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Cuba: second periodic report Canada: replies	CAT/C/CUB/2
Wednesday, 23 May 3 p.m.	Cuba: replies	

8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item the Committee will consider communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.
