



# **International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

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## **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

### **Eightieth session**

13 February–9 March 2012

## **Provisional agenda and annotations**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The eightieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 13 February to 9 March 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m., Monday 13 February.
2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.
3. The attention of States parties is drawn in particular to the annex, which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.
4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

## **Provisional agenda**

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
2. Election of officers, according to rule 15 of the rules of procedure
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organizational and other matters.
5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
9. Follow-up procedure.
10. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference.
11. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council.
12. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

## **Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure**

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the twenty-fourth Meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 30 November 2012, 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 on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

### **2. Election of Officers**

In accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 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.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when

required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

**4. Organizational and other matters**

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the eightieth session. It will also hold a thematic discussion on racist hate speech. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing its working methods.

**5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures**

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

**6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

At its eightieth session, the Committee will consider periodic reports received from the following States parties: Canada, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Portugal, Qatar, Senegal, Turkmenistan and Viet Nam.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the annexed timetable.

**7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention**

At its eightieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/80/2). Part A of that document lists the reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

**8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

**9. Follow-up procedure**

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item follow-up information submitted by States parties in relation to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

**10. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference**

Under this item, the Committee will discuss follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

**11. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council**

In accordance with a decision taken at its seventy-third session, the Committee will consider under this item matters related to the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council.

**12. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session**

## Annex

### **Tentative timetable for consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties and for consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue pursuant to the review procedure**

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-ninth session.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Meeting No. and time</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
Tuesday 14 February 2012	2129th 3 p.m.	Mexico (CERD/C/MEX/16-17)
Wednesday 15 February 2012	2130th 10 a.m.	Mexico <i>continued</i>
	2131st 3 p.m.	Israel (CERD/C/ISR/14-16)
Thursday 16 February 2012	2132nd 10 a.m.	Israel <i>continued</i>
	2133rd 3 p.m.	Kuwait (CERD/C/KWT/15-20)
Friday 17 February 2011	2134th 10 a.m.	Kuwait <i>continued</i>
	2135th 3 p.m.	
Monday 20 February 2012	2136th 10 a.m.	
	2137th 3 p.m.	Portugal (CERD/C/PRT/12-14)
Tuesday 21 February 2012	2138th 10 a.m.	Portugal <i>continued</i>
	2139th 3 p.m.	Viet Nam (CERD/C/VNM/10-14)
Wednesday 22 February 2012	2140th 10 a.m.	Viet Nam <i>Continued</i>

	2141st 3 p.m.	Canada (CERD/C/CAN/19-20)
Thursday 23 February 2012	2142nd 10 a.m.	Canada <i>continued</i>
	2143rd 3 p.m.	Turkmenistan (CERD/C/TKM/6-7)
Friday 24 February 2012	2144th 10 a.m.	Turkmenistan <i>continued</i>
	2145th 3 p.m.	Thematic discussion: Racist hate speech
Monday 27 February 2012	2146th 10 a.m.	
	2147th 3 p.m.	Senegal (CERD/C/SEN/16-18)
Tuesday 28 February 2012	2148th 10 a.m.	Senegal <i>Continued</i>
	2149th 3 p.m.	Lao People's Democratic Republic (CERD/C/LAO/16-18)
Wednesday 29 February 2012	2150th 10 a.m.	Lao People's Democratic Republic <i>Continued</i>
	2151st 3 p.m.	Qatar (CERD/C/QAT/13-16)
Thursday 1 March 2012	2152nd 10 a.m.	Qatar <i>Continued</i>
	2153rd 3 p.m.	Jordan (CERD/C/JOR/13-17)
Friday 2 March 2012	2154th 10 a.m.	Jordan <i>continued</i>
	2155th 3 p.m.	Italy (CERD/C/ITA/16-18)
Monday 5 March 2012	2156th 10 a.m.	Italy <i>continued</i>

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