

KENYA

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

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Chapter II

PREVENTION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING EARLY WARNING AND URGENT ACTION PROCEDURES

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19. During the reporting period, the Committee again considered a number of situations under its early warning and urgent action procedure, including in particular the following:

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25. In response to the political crisis in Kenya, which was accompanied by heightened ethnic tensions and discrimination against certain ethnic groups within the country, the Committee, on 7 March 2008, sent a letter to the High Commissioner of Human Rights, offering its expertise and assistance in addressing the longer-term issues in connection with discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity which the crisis had brought to the forefront. By a letter dated 2 April 2008, the High Commissioner responded to the Committee and expressed her intention to remain in close contact with the Committee on the human rights situation in Kenya.

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