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Chair: Mr. Amir

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Closure of the session

1. **Ms. Izsák-Ndiaye**, speaking as the Committee's Rapporteur, noted that the Committee had, during its 100th session, reviewed and issued concluding observations on the implementation of the Convention by five States parties: Cambodia, Colombia, Ireland, Israel and Uzbekistan. The Committee had held two informal meetings with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with respect to the implementation of the Convention in the relevant States parties and had received statements from 35 NGOs regarding the Convention's implementation in the States under review; it had also held a videoconference with NGOs in Cambodia and had received written submissions from the national human rights institution of Ireland.
2. The Committee's work, led by the Working Group on Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedures, had also focused on several country situations requiring its urgent attention, and the Committee had issued four letters and adopted a decision relating to those situations.
3. The Committee had adopted guidelines on steps to be taken in cases of threats or reports of reprisals against human rights defenders who worked with it.
4. The Committee had continued to deal with the three inter-State communications that had previously been submitted to it. In the cases of the inter-State communications submitted by Qatar respectively against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and in compliance with article 12 (1) (a) of the Convention, the Chair was currently holding consultations with the States parties concerned with a view to appointing an ad hoc Conciliation Commission to deal with the next steps of the inter-State communication procedures.
5. With respect to the communication submitted by the State of Palestine against Israel, on 12 December 2019, in a meeting held in the presence of representatives of the States parties, the Committee had officially decided that it had jurisdiction. Five expert members would submit an individual opinion on that question, and both it and an advanced, unedited version of the adopted decision would be posted on the Committee's website. In compliance with article 11 (3) of the Convention, the Committee would now have to decide on the admissibility of the communication, including a determination whether all available domestic remedies had been exhausted, in conformity with the generally recognized principles of international law.
6. The Committee had held a special meeting with NGOs to share thoughts on how to strengthen its work, enhance their cooperation and increase the visibility of its work.
7. The Committee, pursuant to article 9 (1) of the Convention and rule 65 of its rules of procedure, had considered follow-up reports from Belarus, Canada, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation and Sweden and had adopted recommendations to be communicated to those States parties.
8. The Committee had continued its work on the preparation of draft general recommendation No. 36 on preventing and combating racial profiling. On 13 December, the Committee had held a special meeting with the participation of the Director ad interim of the Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division to commemorate its 100th session. At its 101st session, to be held from 20 April to 8 May 2020, the Committee would review the implementation of the Convention by six States parties: Denmark, Italy, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Singapore and Switzerland.
9. **The Chair** said that he was grateful to the secretariat and departing Committee members for all that they had done. After the customary exchange of courtesies, he declared the 100th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination closed.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.