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### Meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies

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Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda

**Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies:  
a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies:  
Discussion and adoption of draft guidelines on  
independence and impartiality of members of the  
human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their  
functions**

### Background information on enhancing and strengthening the expertise and independence of treaty body members

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### Corrigendum

#### Chapter II. Disaggregated data on the current composition of the human rights treaty bodies

##### 1. Table entitled All Committees

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 1**

#### *All Committees*

Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to all treaties by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 65	Africa: 43 (25%)	Africa: 362 (28%)	Arabic: 21	Academic: 51 (30%)
Male: 107	Asia: 29 (17%)	Asia: 306 (24%)	Chinese: 5	Consultant/Advisor: 19 (11%)
	Eastern Europe: 22 (12%)	Eastern Europe: 171 (13%)	English: 152	Diplomat/Government official: 31 (18%)
	GRULAC*: 34 (20%)	GRULAC: 240 (19%)	French: 82	Judge/Lawyer: 25 (14%)

*All Committees*

WEOG <sup>**</sup> : 44 (26%)	WEOG: 202 (16%)	Russian: 15	Member of Parliament (MP): 3 (2%)
		Spanish: 52	Non-governmental organization (NGO): 15 (9%)
			National human rights institution (NHRI): 13 (7%)
			Retired United Nations staff: 1 (1%)
			Retired diplomat/Government official: 11 (6%)
			Retired judge/lawyer: 3 (2%)

\* GRULAC : Latin American and Caribbean Group

\*\* WEOG: Western Europe and Others Group

## 2. Table entitled Human Rights Committee

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 2**

*Human Rights Committee*

Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Covenant by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 4	Africa: 4 (28%)	Africa: 50 (30%)	Arabic: 3	Academic: 10 (55%)
Male: 14	Asia: 2 (11%)	Asia: 38 (23%)	Chinese: 0	Diplomat/ Government official: 2 (11%)
	Eastern Europe: 1 (5%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (13%)	English: 16	Judge/Lawyer: 4 (22%)
	GRULAC: 3 (17%)	GRULAC: 29 (17%)	French: 13	MP: 1 (6%)
	WEOG: 7 (39%)	WEOG: 28 (17%)	Russian: 2	Retired diplomat: 1 (6%)
			Spanish: 2	

### 3. Table entitled Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 3**

<i>Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Covenant by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 3	Africa: 5 (27%)	Africa: 48 (30%)	Arabic: 3	Academic: 7 (38%)
Male: 15	Asia: 3 (17%)	Asia: 37 (23%)	Chinese: 0	Diplomat/ Government official: 4 (22%)
	Eastern Europe: 3 (17%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (14%)	English: 16	Judge/Lawyer: 1 (6%)
	GRULAC: 4 (22%)	GRULAC: 27 (17%)	French: 9	NGO: 1 (6%)
	WEOG: 3 (17%)	WEOG: 26 (16%)	Russian: 3	Retired diplomat: 3 (17%)
			Spanish: 5	Retired judge/lawyer: 2 (11%)

### 4. Table entitled Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 4**

<i>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 2	Africa: 5 (28%)	Africa: 52 (30%)	Arabic: 1	Academic: 5 (28%)
Male: 16	Asia: 3 (17%)	Asia: 41 (23%)	Chinese: 2	Consultant/Advisor: 2 (12%)
	Eastern Europe: 2 (10%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (13%)	English: 16	Diplomat/ Government official: 3 (16%)
	GRULAC: 3 (17%)	GRULAC: 31 (18%)	French: 11	Judge/Lawyer: 1 (6%)
	WEOG: 5 (28%)	WEOG: 29 (16%)	Russian: 2	NHRI: 3 (16%)
			Spanish: 9	Retired academic: 1 (6%)
				Retired diplomat: 3 (16%)

**5. Table entitled Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**For the existing table *substitute***Table 5***Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women*

Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 22	Africa: 4 (17%)	Africa: 51 (27%)	Arabic: 1	Academic: 7 (31%)
Male: 1	Asia: 6 (26%)	Asia: 54 (29%)	Chinese: 1	Consultant/Advisor: 2 (9%)
	Eastern Europe: 2 (9%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (12%)	English: 23	Diplomat/Government official: 5 (22%)
	GRULAC: 4 (17%)	GRULAC: 32 (17%)	French: 8	Judge/Lawyer: 4 (17%)
	WEOG: 7 (31%)	WEOG: 28 (15%)	Russian: 1	MP: 1 (4%)
			Spanish: 5	NGO: 1 (4%)
				Retired diplomat/Government official: 3 (13%)

**6. Table entitled Committee against Torture**For the existing table *substitute***Table 6***Committee against Torture*

Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 3	Africa: 3 (30%)	Africa: 44 (30%)	Arabic: 1	Academic: 3 (30%)
Male: 7	Asia: 1 (10%)	Asia: 31 (21%)	Chinese: 1	Consultant/Advisor: 1 (10%)
	Eastern Europe: 1 (10%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (14%)	English: 8	Diplomat/Government official: 1 (10%)
	GRULAC: 1 (10%)	GRULAC: 23 (15%)	French: 6	Retired United Nations staff: 1 (10%)
	WEOG: 4 (40%)	WEOG: 30 (20%)	Russian: 1	Judge/Lawyer: 2 (20%)
			Spanish: 4	NHRI: 1 (10%)
				NGO: 1 (10%)

## 7. Table entitled Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 7**

<i>Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Optional Protocol by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 8	Africa: 4 (16%)	Africa: 12 (19%)	Arabic: 1	Academic: 5 (20%)
Male: 17	Asia: 0 (0%)	Asia: 8 (13%)	Chinese: 0	Diplomat/Government official: 2 (8%)
	Eastern Europe: 7 (28%)	Eastern Europe: 16 (26%)	English: 23	Consultant/Advisor: 6 (24%)
	GRULAC: 7 (28%)	GRULAC: 14 (23%)	French: 7	Judge/Lawyer: 8 (32%)
	WEOG: 7 (28%)	WEOG: 12 (19%)	Russian: 3	NGO: 3 (12%)
			Spanish: 9	NHRI: 1 (4%)

## 8. Table entitled Committee on the Rights of the Child

For the existing table *substitute*

**Table 8**

<i>Committee on the Rights of the Child</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 10	Africa: 6 (34%)	Africa: 52 (27%)	Arabic 4	Academic: 5 (27%)
Male: 8	Asia: 4 (22%)	Asia: 58 (30%)	Chinese: 0	Consultant/Advisor: 2 (11%)
	Eastern Europe: 2 (11%)	Eastern Europe: 22 (11%)	English 18	Diplomat/Government official: 3 (17%)
	GRULAC: 2 (11%)	GRULAC: 33 (17%)	French: 10	Judge/Lawyer: 2 (11%)
	WEOG: 4 (22%)	WEOG: 28 (15%)	Russian: 1	NGO: 4 (22%)
			Spanish 5	NHRI: 1 (6%)
				Retired judge/lawyer: 1 (6%)

**9. Table entitled Committee on Migrant Workers**For the existing table *substitute***Table 9**

<i>Committee on Migrant Workers</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 4	Africa: 6 (43%)	Africa: 17 (38%)	Arabic: 2	Academic: 2 (14%)
Male: 10	Asia: 3 (21%)	Asia: 9 (20%)	Chinese: 0	Consultant/Advisor: 2 (14%)
	Eastern Europe: 1 (7%)	Eastern Europe: 4 (4%)	English: 8	Diplomat/Government official: 8 (58%)
	GRULAC: 4 (29%)	GRULAC: 17 (38%)	French: 7	Judge/Lawyer: 1 (7%)
	WEOG: 0 (0%)	WEOG: 0 (0%)	Russian: 1	Retired diplomat/Government official: 1 (7%)
			Spanish 4	

**10. Table entitled Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**For the existing table *substitute***Table 10**

<i>Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 8	Africa: 3 (17%)	Africa: 28 (25%)	Arabic 4	Academic: 5 (27%)
Male: 10	Asia: 5 (28%)	Asia: 28 (25%)	Chinese: 1	Consultant/Advisor: 4 (22%)
	Eastern Europe: 2 (11%)	Eastern Europe: 16 (15%)	English 17	Diplomat/Government official: 1 (6%)
	GRULAC: 4 (22%)	GRULAC: 22 (20%)	French: 6	MP: 1 (6%)
	WEOG: 4 (22%)	WEOG: 17 (15%)	Russian 1	NGO: 4 (22%)
			Spanish 5	NHRI: 3 (17%)

**11. Table entitled Committee on Enforced Disappearance**For the existing table *substitute***Table 11**

<i>Committee on Enforced Disappearances</i>				
Distribution of members by gender	Distribution of members by region	States parties to the Convention by region	Working languages	Current position
Female: 1	Africa: 2 (20%)	Africa: 7 (22%)	Arabic: 1	Academic: 1 (10%)
Male: 9	Asia: 2 (20%)	Asia: 3 (10%)	Chinese: 0	Diplomat/Government official: 2 (20%)
	Eastern Europe: 1 (10%)	Eastern Europe: 4 (13%)	English: 7	Judge/Lawyer: 2 (20%)
	GRULAC: 2 (20%)	GRULAC: 12 (39%)	French: 5	NGO: 1 (10%)
	WEOG: 3 (30%)	WEOG: 5 (16%)	Russian: 0	NHRI: 4 (40%)
			Spanish: 4	