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from Enforced Disappearance**

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Third session

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The third session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 29 October to 9 November 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 29 October at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the third session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7, of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Communications, information and requests received by the Committee.
5. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee:
 - (a) Methods of work related to articles 30, 31 and 33 of the Convention;
 - (b) Ratification strategy, development of model laws and other matters.
6. Consideration of reports of State parties to the Convention.
7. Thematic discussions on:
 - (a) Human trafficking and enforced disappearances;
 - (b) Principle of non-refoulement, expulsion and extradition under article 16 of the Convention.
8. Day of general discussion under the Convention on the responsibility of States and the role of non-State actors.
9. Meeting with Member States of the United Nations.
10. Yearly meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.
11. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions.
12. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.
13. Programme of work of the fourth session.
14. Treaty body strengthening update.
15. Discussion on the presentation of the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The third session of the Committee will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances

The Committee will hold a minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its fourth session.

4. Communications, information and requests received by the Committee

The Committee will consider any communications, information and/or requests that it has received in relation to articles 30–34 of the Convention.

5. Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will, *inter alia*, discuss: (a) methods of work with regard to its activities under articles 30, 31 and 33 of the Convention; (b) strategy to encourage States to ratify the Convention, development of model laws and other matters.

6. Consideration of reports of State parties to the Convention

The Committee will consider the reports of the State parties to the Convention, submitted pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

7. Thematic discussions

Under this item, the Committee will discuss in closed sessions two topics which it considers deserving special attention, specifically, human trafficking and enforced disappearances and the principle of non-refoulement, expulsion and extradition under article 16 of the Convention. These themes are of relevance to the Committee's work and may be the subject of future days of general discussion or future general comments.

8. Day of general discussion on the responsibility of States and the role of non-State actors

Following a thematic discussion held during its second session, the Committee will hold a day of general discussion on the responsibility of States and the role of non-State actors.

9. Meeting with Member States of the United Nations

The Committee will hold a meeting with States parties to the Convention, States signatories to the Convention and other Member States of the United Nations to discuss with them relevant topics under the Convention.

10. Yearly meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

The Committee will hold its yearly joint meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to ensure a strong and effective cooperation among the two mechanisms with the aim of avoiding overlaps and achieving the common goal of the eradication of the practice of enforced disappearances and ensuring the right to the truth, justice and reparation to the victims.

11. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions

The Committee will meet with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions which work on the issue of enforced disappearance.

12. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

The Committee will hold a meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

13. Programme of work of the fourth session

The Committee will discuss the programme of work of its fourth session, to be held in April 2013.

14. Treaty body strengthening update

Under this item, the Committee may wish to discuss issues related to the treaty body strengthening process and its implications on the work of the Committee.

15. Discussion on the presentation of the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session

The Committee will discuss the presentation of its annual report and the interactive dialogue with Members States at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly.
