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the Elimination of All Forms  
of Racial Discrimination**

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Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, on Friday, 1 March 2013, at 4.15 p.m.

*Chairperson:* Mr. Avtonomov

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*The public part of the meeting was called to order at 4.15 p.m.*

**Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session**

*(continued)* (documents without a symbol, distributed in the meeting room in English only)

*Chapter I: Organizational and related matters*

1. *Chapter I was adopted.*

*Chapter II: Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures*

2. **Ms. Crickley** (Rapporteur) said that a summary of the situation of the various States parties examined by the Committee under its early warning and urgent action procedures would be added to chapter II.
3. *Chapter II was adopted.*

*Chapter III: Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention*

4. **Ms. Crickley** said that the concluding observations of States parties would be included in the chapter.
5. *Chapter III was adopted.*

*Chapter IV: Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention*

6. *Chapter IV was adopted.*

*Chapter V: Review of the implementation of the Convention in States parties the reports of which are seriously overdue*

7. **Ms. Crickley** said the fact that concluding observations for Belize had been adopted at the current session should be mentioned in paragraph 46.
8. **Mr. Diaconu** said that it should also be mentioned in paragraph 46 that the State party had failed to respond to repeated requests from the Committee to submit its initial report.
9. *Chapter V, as amended, was adopted.*

*Chapter VI: Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention*  
(continued)

10. *Chapter VI was adopted.*

*Chapter VII: Follow-up to individual communications*

11. **Mr. de Gouttes** said that the decisions concerning communications Nos. 43/2008 (*Saada Mohamad Adan v. Denmark*) and 46/2009 (*Mahali Dawas and Yousef Shava v. Denmark*) would be mentioned in chapter VII. Communication No. 48/2010 (*Turkish Union in Berlin/Brandenburg (TBB) v. Germany*) would also be included once the State party was notified of the Committee decision concerning the communication. It was not clear whether the two communications that had been planned for consideration at the eighty-third session would be ready to be examined.

12. **Mr. Diaconu** said that the Committee should be in a position to examine at least two individual communications cases; failure to do so would trigger a backlog of cases at a later stage.

13. **The Chairperson** said that the report should indicate that, owing to the accumulation of reports, the Committee's consideration of them would be deferred by up to two years and that the Committee was discussing ways to address the issue.

14. After a discussion in which **Mr. Kemal, Ms. Dah** and **Mr. Calí Tzay** took part, **Ms. Crickley** suggested adding a sentence in paragraph 68 explaining that the Committee had met its deadlines but was dealing with an increased workload and a backlog that would adversely affect the Committee's capacity to deal with reports in a timely fashion.

15. *Chapter VII, as amended, was adopted.*

*Chapter VIII: Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Governing Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention*

16. *Chapter VIII was adopted.*

*Chapter IX: Action taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session*

17. **Ms. Crickley** drew attention to the statement in paragraph 55 that the General Assembly had welcomed the Committee's efforts to erase the backlog of States parties' reports.

18. *Chapter IX was adopted.*

*Chapter X: Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference*

19. *Chapter X was adopted.*

*Chapter XI: Thematic discussions and general recommendations*

20. **Ms. Crickley** emphasized the Committee's decision to draft a new general recommendation on racial discrimination against people of African descent and the thematic discussion on racist hate speech.

21. *Chapter XI was adopted.*

*Chapter XII: Working methods of the Committee*

22. **Mr. Diaconu** said that paragraph 69 should state that, in 2013, the Committee had started to discuss ways of examining situations in countries which had not submitted reports.

23. **Ms. Crickley** proposed that the words "to continue to discuss the modalities for considering State parties in the absence of reports" should be inserted into paragraph 69.

24. *Chapter XII, as amended, was adopted.*

*Chapter XIII: Discussion on the treaty body strengthening process*

25. *Chapter XIII was adopted.*

*Annex I: Status of the Convention*

26. *Annex I was adopted.*

*Annex II: Agenda of the eighty-first session and agenda of the eighty-second session*

27. *Annex II was adopted.*

*Annex III: Opinion of the Committee under article 14 of the Convention adopted at the eightieth session*

28. *Annex III was adopted.*

*Annex IV: Follow-up information provided in relation to cases in which the Committee adopted recommendations*

29. *Annex IV was adopted.*

*Annex V: Country Rapporteurs for reports of States parties considered by the Committee and for States parties considered under the review procedure at the eighty-first and eighty-second sessions*

30. *Annex V was adopted with minor drafting changes.*

*Annex VI: List of documents issued for the eighty-first and eighty-second sessions of the Committee*

31. **Ms. Crickley** said that the lists of documents issued would be appended by the secretariat.

32. *Annex VI was adopted.*

*Annex VII: Text of statements and decisions adopted by the Committee in the reporting period*

33. *The draft annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

#### **Organizational and other matters**

34. **Ms. Crickley** announced that the following Committee members would be country rapporteurs at the next session: Mr. Amir, for Jamaica; Mr. Calí Tzay, for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Ms. Dah, for Chad; Mr. de Gouttes, for Chile; Mr. Ewomsan, for Burkina Faso; Ms. January-Bardill, for Cyprus; Mr. Kut, for Sweden; and Mr. Lindgren Alves, for Belarus. The eighty-third session of the Committee would be held from 12 to 30 August 2013.

#### **Closure of the session**

35. After an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared closed the eighty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

*The public part of the meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.*