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SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE COVENANT

Follow-up to the consideration of reports  
under article 16 of the Covenant

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee.
2. The information requested by the Committee is to be found in the annex to the present note.

Annex

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS  
OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC,  
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS  
(status as at 20 August 1996)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Guinea	Without report E/C.12/1996/SR.17, 22 E/C.12/1/Add.5	The Committee reiterates its request that the Government of Guinea actively participate in a constructive dialogue with the Committee on how the obligations arising from the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights can be fulfilled in a more adequate manner. It calls to the Government's attention the fact that the Covenant creates a legal obligation for all States parties to submit periodic reports and that Guinea has been in breach of this obligation for many years (concluding observations, para. 25).		

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		<p>The Committee recommends that the Government of Guinea avails itself of the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations in order to enable it to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant in conformity with the revised general guidelines adopted by the Committee in 1990 (E/C.12/1991/1) and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 26).</p> <p>The Committee also encourages the Centre for Human Rights to make available, through its programme of advisory services and technical assistance, expert assistance to States for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights, and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 27).</p>		

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El Salvador	E/1990/5/Add.25 E/C.12/1996/SR.15, 16, 18 E/C.12/1/Add.4	<p>Further information is requested on articles 6 to 8 and 15 of the Covenant, as well as on any problems encountered in this regard (concluding observations, para. 36).</p> <p>Information is requested on the activities of the Office of the Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, in particular on how much weight its recommendations carry and on the action taken on complaints it files with regard to violations of economic, social and cultural rights; information enabling the Committee to evaluate the extent to which the members of indigenous communities enjoy all the economic, social and cultural rights provided for in the Covenant (concluding observations, paras. 28 and 35).</p> <p>The proposal of the Centre for Human Rights concerning technical cooperation should be given favourable consideration and such assistance used to guarantee the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all (concluding observations, para. 39).</p>	<p>31 Oct. 1996</p> <p>Next report</p>	

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Paraguay	E/1990/5/Add.23 E/C.12/1996/SR.1, 2, 4 E/C.12/1/Add.1	<p>The Committee requests the State party to provide it with written replies to the unanswered questions from the list of issues (concluding observations, para. 32)</p> <p>The next report should fill in the information gaps identified during the consideration of the initial report by the Committee (i.e. detailed information on the full implementation of legislative and administrative measures relating to prevention and enforcement in respect of safe and healthy working conditions; cases in which the Covenant has been invoked in the courts) (concluding observations, para. 32)</p>	<p>31 Oct. 1996</p> <p>30 June 1999</p>	

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