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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixtieth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 July to 1 August 1997. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 14 July 1997 at 10.30 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixtieth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixtieth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. At its fifty-ninth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixtieth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 7 to 11 July 1997.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational and other matters.
3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
4. Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
5. General Comments of the Committee.
6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
7. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant
8. Future meetings of the Committee
9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. Adoption of the agenda.

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

### 2. Organizational and other matters.

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its fifty-ninth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixtieth session and to further review the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant, in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's fifty-ninth session.

### 3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

#### A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixtieth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties :

#### Initial reports

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Symbol</u>    | <u>Report</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Date received</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Lithuania          | CCPR/C/81/Add.10 | Initial       | 1993            | 16.04.1996           |
| Zimbabwe           | CCPR/C/74/Add.3  | Initial       | 1992            | 20.11.1996           |

Second periodic reports

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Symbol</u>    | <u>Report</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Date received</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Jamaica            | CCPR/C/42/Add.15 |               | Second          | 1986 6.01.1997       |

Third periodic reports

| <u>State party</u>        | <u>Symbol</u>    | <u>Report</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Date received</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Cyprus                    | CCPR/C/94/Add.1  |               | Third           | 1994 28.12.1994      |
| Iceland                   | CCPR/C/94/Add.2  |               | Third           | 1994 23.03.1995      |
| Libyan Arab<br>Jamahiriya | CCPR/C/102/Add.1 |               | Third           | 1995 29.11.1995      |
| Belgium                   | CCPR/C/94/Add.3  |               | Third           | 1994 21.08.1996      |
| Tanzania                  | CCPR/C/83/Add.2  |               | Third           | 1993 6.02.1997       |
| Cameroon                  | CCPR/C/102/Add.2 |               | Third           | 1995 6.03.1997       |
| Austria                   | CCPR/C/83/Add.3  |               | Third           | 1993 22.04.1997      |

Fourth periodic reports

| <u>State party</u>                                | <u>Symbol</u>    | <u>Report</u> | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Date received</u> |
|---|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Finland   | CCPR/C/95/Add.6  | Fourth        | 1994            | 10.08.1995           |
| Romania   | CCPR/C/95/Add.7  |               | Fourth          | 1994 26.04.1996      |
| Senegal   | CCPR/C/103/Add.1 |               | Fourth          | 1995 19.09.1995      |
| Iraq  | CCPR/C/103/Add.2 |               | Fourth          | 1995 05.02.1996      |
| Poland  | CCPR/C/95/Add.8  |               | Fourth          | 1994 07.05.1996      |
| Italy   | CCPR/C/103/Add.4 |               | Fourth          | 1995 30.10.1996      |
| Uruguay   | CCPR/C/95/Add.9  |               | Fourth          | 1994 19.12.1996      |
| Morocco   | CCPR/C/115/Add.1 |               | Fourth          | 1996 27.01.1997      |
| Norway  | CCPR/C/115/Add.1 |               | Fourth          | 1996 4.02.1997       |
| United Kingdom<br>(Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man) | CCPR/C/95/Add.10 |               | Fourth          | 1994 12.02.1997      |
| Ecuador   | CCPR/C/84/Add.6  |               | Fourth          | 1993 13.03.1997      |
| Canada  | CCPR/C/103/Add.5 | Fourth        | 1995            | 4.04.1997            |

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the fifty-ninth session (8 November 1996) but have not yet been received.

INITIAL REPORTS

| <u>State party</u>                        | <u>Date due</u>   | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Equatorial Guinea                         | 24 December 1988  | 15                              |
| Somalia                                   | 23 April 1991     | 10                              |
| Croatia                                   | 7 October 1992    | 6                               |
| Grenada                                   | 5 December 1992   | 5                               |
| the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 16 September 1992 | 3                               |
| Israel                                    | 2 January 1993    | 7                               |
| Albania                                   | 3 January 1993    | 7                               |
| Bosnia - Herzegovina                      | 05 March 1993     | 3                               |
| Angola <sup>1</sup>                       | 9 April 1993      | 3                               |
| Benin                                     | 11 June 1993      | 5                               |
| Côte d'Ivoire                             | 25 June 1993      | 4                               |
| Seychelles                                | 4 August 1993     | 5                               |
| Cambodia                                  | 25 August 1993    | 3                               |
| Lesotho                                   | 08 December 1993  | 2                               |
| Czech Republic                            | 31 December 1993  | 3                               |
| Moldova                                   | 25 April 1994     | 4                               |
| Ethiopia                                  | 10 September 1994 | 4                               |
| Dominica                                  | 16 September 1994 | 4                               |
| Armenia                                   | 22 September 1994 | 4                               |
| Mozambique                                | 20 October 1994   | 4                               |
| Cape Verde                                | 05 November 1994  | 2                               |
| Malawi                                    | 21 March 1995     | 3                               |
| Kyrgystan                                 | 6 January 1996    | 1                               |
| Namibia                                   | 27 February 1996  | 1                               |
| Chad                                      | 8 September 1996  | 1                               |
| Uganda                                    | 20 September 1996 | 1                               |

SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS

| <u>State party</u>                    | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Syrian Arab Republic                  | 18 August 1984   | 25                              |
| Gambia                                | 21 June 1985     | 23                              |
| Suriname                              | 2 August 1985    | 22                              |
| Kenya                                 | 11 April 1986    | 21                              |
| Mali                                  | 11 April 1986    | 21                              |
| Guyana                                | 10 April 1987    | 19                              |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 13 December 1987 | 17                              |
| Central African Republic              | 9 April 1989     | 14                              |
| Viet Nam                              | 31 July 1991     | 9                               |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines      | 31 October 1991  | 10                              |
| San Marino                            | 17 January 1992  | 9                               |
| Philippines                           | 22 January 1993  | 7                               |
| Equatorial Guinea <sup>2</sup>        | 24 December 1993 | 5                               |
| Niger                                 | 31 March 1994    | 5                               |
| Algeria                               | 11 December 1995 | 1                               |
| Ireland                               | 7 March 1996     | 1                               |
| Somalia <sup>2</sup>                  | 23 April 1996    | 1                               |
| Republic of Korea                     | 9 July 1996      | 1                               |
| Burundi                               | 8 August 1996    | 1                               |

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS

| <u>State party</u>                | <u>Date due</u> | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Syrian Arab Republic <sup>3</sup> | 18 August 1989  | 14                              |
| Trinidad and Tobago               | 20 March 1990   | 13                              |
| Gambia <sup>3</sup>               | 21 June 1990    | 12                              |
| Suriname <sup>3</sup>             | 2 August 1990   | 12                              |
| Barbados                          | 11 April 1991   | 11                              |
| Kenya <sup>3</sup>                | 11 April 1991   | 11                              |
| Mali <sup>3</sup>                 | 11 April 1991   | 11                              |
| Nicaragua                         | 11 June 1991    | 10                              |
| Zaire                             | 31 July 1991    | 9                               |
| Jamaica                           | 1 August 1991   | -                               |

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS (ctd)

| <u>State party</u>                                 | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Australia  | 12 November 1991 | 9                               |
| Panama   | 31 March 1992    | 9                               |
| Guyana <sup>3</sup>                                | 10 April 1992    | 9                               |
| Rwanda <sup>1</sup>                                | 10 April 1992    | 3                               |
| Madagascar   | 31 July 1992     | 8                               |
| Central African Republic <sup>3</sup>              | 7 August 1992    | 8                               |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea <sup>3</sup> | 13 December 1992 | 7                               |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines <sup>3</sup>      | 8 February 1993  | 7                               |
| Viet Nam <sup>3</sup>                              | 23 December 1993 | 1                               |
| Venezuela  | 31 December 1993 | 5                               |
| Afghanistan  | 23 April 1994    | -                               |
| Luxembourg   | 17 November 1994 | 3                               |
| Bulgaria   | 31 December 1994 | 3                               |
| Egypt  | 31 December 1994 | 3                               |
| Guinea   | 31 December 1994 | 3                               |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of)                         | 31 December 1994 | 3                               |
| El Salvador  | 31 December 1995 | 1                               |
| San Marino <sup>3</sup>                            | 17 January 1997  | 1                               |

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS

| <u>State party</u>                  | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Panama <sup>4</sup>                 | 6 June 1993      | 6                               |
| Madagascar <sup>4</sup>             | 3 August 1993    | 6                               |
| Yugoslavia                          | 3 August 1993    | 6                               |
| Dominican Republic                  | 3 April 1994     | 5                               |
| Chile                               | 28 April 1994    | 4                               |
| Syrian Arab Republic <sup>3/4</sup> | 18 August 1994   | 4                               |
| Trinidad and Tobago <sup>4</sup>    | 20 March 1995    | 3                               |
| Mongolia                            | 4 April 1995     | 3                               |
| Gambia <sup>3/4</sup>               | 21 June 1995     | 2                               |
| India                               | 9 July 1995      | -                               |
| Costa Rica                          | 2 August 1995    | 2                               |
| Hungary                             | 2 August 1995    | 2                               |
| Suriname <sup>3/4</sup>             | 2 August 1995    | 2                               |
| Venezuela                           | 1 November 1995  | 2                               |
| El Salvador                         | 28 February 1996 | 2                               |

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS (ctd)

| <u>State party</u>     | <u>Date due</u>   | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barbados               | 11 April 1996     | 1                               |
| Kenya                  | 11 April 1996     | 1                               |
| Mali                   | 11 April 1996     | 1                               |
| Tanzania               | 11 April 1996     | -                               |
| Nicaragua <sup>3</sup> | 11 June 1996      | 1                               |
| Jamaica                | 1 August 1996     | -                               |
| Portugal               | 1 August 1996     | 1                               |
| Sri Lanka              | 10 September 1996 | 1                               |
| Japan                  | 31 October 1996   | -                               |
| Jordan                 | 22 January 1997   | 1                               |
| France                 | 3 February 1997   | -                               |
| Guyana <sup>3/4</sup>  | 10 April 1997     | -                               |

States parties whose reports are to be submitted  
between the closing date of the Committee's  
fifty-ninth session (11 April 1997) and the closing  
date of its sixtieth session (1 August 1997)

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Second periodic reports</u> | <u>Date due</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Haiti              |                                | 5 May 1997      |
| Slovenia           |                                | 24 June 1997    |

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Third periodic reports</u> | <u>Date due</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Niger              |                               | 6 June 1997     |

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Fourth periodic reports</u> | <u>Date due</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mexico             |                                | 22 June 1997    |



#### 4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixtieth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

##### Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

|                       |                 |                      |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Slovakia<br>(initial) | CCPR/C/81/Add.9 | Tuesday a.m./p.m     | 15 July 1997 |
|                       |                 | Wednesday a.m.       | 16 July 1997 |
| Belarus<br>(fourth)   | CCPR/C/84/Add.4 | Thursday a.m./p.m    | 17 July 1997 |
| France<br>(third)     | CCPR/C/76/Add.7 | Monday a.m./p.m.     | 21 July 1997 |
| Congo<br>(second)     | CCPR/C/63/Add.5 | Wednesday, a.m./p.m. | 23 July 1997 |
| India<br>(fourth)     | CCPR/C/76/Add.6 | Thursday, a.m./p.m.  | 24 July 1997 |

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixtieth session.

#### 5. General Comment of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it by its pre-sessional Working Group on article 40.

#### 6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and fifty-four communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 39 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 115 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, para.3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the Follow-Up on Views.

8. Future meetings of the Committee

The Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1999.

8 . Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol.

Notes

1. The Committee has requested the Government to submit a special report for discussion by the Committee.
2. The State party's initial report has not yet been received
3. The States Party's second periodic report has not yet been received
4. The States party's third periodic report has not yet been received