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Chair: Ms. Bras Gomes

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 11.15 a.m.

Substantive issues arising from the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (*continued*)

1. **The Chair**, reviewing the activities and meetings that had taken place during the session, said that the Committee had considered the reports of six States parties, namely Australia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uruguay. The Committee had continued its work under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, examining two communications, one of which had been declared inadmissible, and had taken the opportunity to develop its jurisprudence on admissibility requirements under the Optional Protocol and on the interpretation of certain articles of the Covenant. It had adopted general comment No. 24 on State obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the context of business activities and had discussed future general comments on the right to science and on land and economic, social and cultural rights. It had also discussed and adopted procedures for follow-up to concluding observations and for follow-up to its Views. The Committee had held an informal meeting with States to update them on its work. Technology had been put to good use during its meetings with NGOs and national human rights institutions to enable the Committee to hold discussions with persons who had not been able to travel to Geneva.

2. The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights had hosted an informal meeting between the Committee and the Committee on the Rights of the Child to discuss the work of the High-level Working Group on the Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents, including its report entitled *Leading the Realization of Human Rights To Health and Through Health*. The Committee had also had the opportunity to meet with the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and the Chair-Rapporteur of the working group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.

3. At the sixty-second session, which would take place from 18 September to 6 October 2017, the Committee would review the reports of Colombia, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant (*continued*)

4. **The Chair** said that, if there were no objections, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt its concluding observations on the reports of Australia (E/C.12/AUS/CO/5), Liechtenstein (E/C.12/LIE/CO/2-3), the Netherlands (E/C.12/NLD/CO/6), Sri Lanka (E/C.12/LKA/CO/5), Pakistan (E/C.12/PAK/CO/1) and Uruguay (E/C.12/URY/CO/5).

5. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

6. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chair** declared closed the sixty-first session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.