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Chair: Ms. Pazartzis

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

Closure of the session

1. **The Chair**, commending the Committee members for their commitment to upholding the rights enshrined in the Covenant, said that, during its 136th session, the Committee had held constructive dialogues with delegations representing Ethiopia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines and had reviewed the periodic reports of Nicaragua and the Russian Federation, although, unfortunately, in the absence of a delegation. Its concluding observations in respect of those six countries had been published the previous day. It had also adopted lists of issues in relation to the periodic reports of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

2. The Committee had considered 63 individual communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant. Of those cases, 19 had been decided on the merits, 10 had been declared admissible, 5 had been declared inadmissible and 29 had been discontinued. Violations of the Covenant had been found in all 19 cases that had been decided on the merits. The Committee had also adopted progress reports on follow-up to concluding observations and follow-up to Views, and new procedural guidelines for the latter exercise had been adopted.

3. At its 137th session, the Committee would review the periodic reports of Egypt, Panama, Peru, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan and Zambia. It would adopt lists of issues in relation to the periodic reports of Namibia, Serbia and the Syrian Arab Republic and a list of issues prior to reporting in respect of Kazakhstan. In addition, it would evaluate information on follow-up to concluding observations received from Belarus, Estonia, the Netherlands and Tajikistan and would consider a number of individual communications.

4. She took it that the Committee wished to adopt the minutes of the Bureau meetings, which had been circulated to the members.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The Chair** said that, with the support of the highly capable secretariat, the Committee members fulfilled their duties as independent experts, expressing their opinions freely and with due consideration for one another, thus lending strength to the decisions and recommendations issued by the Committee as a whole. As the Chair, she had consulted closely with the Bureau and the other Committee members on all relevant issues before each annual meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies. As a result, the Committee had been able to defend its position and to achieve its goals, as reflected in the landmark decision adopted by the Chairs of the treaty bodies in June 2022. She was grateful to the Chairs for their fruitful cooperation, including in the face of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. She wished the new United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and his staff good luck in tackling the tasks ahead at a time when the multilateral system was confronted with major challenges.

7. After the customary exchange of courtesies, she declared the 136th session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.