



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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

### List of themes in relation to the combined thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports of Albania

#### Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session<sup>1</sup> that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes, with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

#### Statistics

2. Information on the results of the Population and Housing Census that was carried out in 2022, regarding statistics on the ethnic composition of the population<sup>2</sup> and how the principle of self-identification was included.

#### The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2 and 4)

3. Examples of the application of the Convention by domestic courts. Training carried out on the provisions of the Convention for judges, prosecutors, lawyers and law enforcement officials.<sup>3</sup>

4. Progress in the elaboration and adoption of the secondary legislation to give effect to Law No. 96/2017 on the Protection of National Minorities.<sup>4</sup>

5. Implementation of the recommendations issued by the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination and the People's Advocate.<sup>5</sup> Resources allocated for the effective implementation of their mandates.

#### Hate speech (art. 4)

6. Results of measures to combat racist hate speech and incitement to racial discrimination, including in public and political discourse, as well as on the Internet and

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<sup>1</sup> [A/65/18](#), para. 85.

<sup>2</sup> [CERD/C/ALB/13-14](#), para. 86.

<sup>3</sup> [CERD/C/ALB/CO/9-12](#), paras. 9 and 10; and [CERD/C/ALB/13-14](#), para. 95.

<sup>4</sup> [CERD/C/ALB/CO/9-12](#), paras. 11 and 12.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 14 (b); and [CERD/C/ALB/13-14](#), para. 111.



social media. Information on the content and implementation of the recent amendment to Law No. 10221 of 4 February 2010 on Protection against Discrimination, which addresses hate speech as a new form of discrimination,<sup>6</sup> as well as on the implementation of recent amendments to the Criminal Code, in particular articles 265 and 266.<sup>7</sup> Updated information on the number of complaints and investigations of racist hate speech and incitement to racial discrimination.

7. Measures taken to prohibit organizations that promote and incite racial discrimination<sup>8</sup> and to prohibit participation in such organizations, in compliance with article 4 of the Convention.

#### **Situation of minorities (arts. 2 and 5)**

8. Results of the implementation of the measures to combat racial discrimination against ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptians. Elaboration and implementation of the new national action plan for the integration of the Roma and Egyptian communities 2021–2025,<sup>9</sup> and the resources allocated to ensure its implementation.

9. Results of measures to ensure access to education for children belonging to ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptian children, particularly girls. Measures to increase the school enrolment rate and combat school dropout among children from ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptian children. Measures adopted to combat the de facto segregation of Roma and Egyptian children in some schools.

10. Measures adopted to combat poverty among ethnic minorities, in particular among Roma and Egyptians. Measures to improve their integration into the labour market, and their access to vocational training.

11. Results of the measures adopted to improve the right to adequate housing and living conditions of Roma and Egyptians. Information on the implementation of measures to ensure that evictions of Roma and Egyptians are carried out in accordance with international human rights standards.<sup>10</sup>

12. Implementation of measures to ensure that individuals belonging to ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptians, have access, without discrimination, to the health-care system.

13. Concrete measures adopted to prevent statelessness, and the implementation of measures adopted to ensure access to birth registration for Roma and Egyptians, as well as for members of other ethnic minorities.<sup>11</sup>

14. Measures to combat multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against women belonging to ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptian women.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees (arts. 2 and 5)**

15. Implementation of Law No. 10/2021 on Asylum in the Republic of Albania, and of the National Strategy on Migration Governance and Action Plan 2019–2022, including statistics on asylum claims filed and granted. Information on the agreement between Italy and Albania on disembarkation and the processing of asylum applications.

#### **Access to justice (art. 6)**

16. Measures adopted to improve access to justice for ethnic minorities, in particular Roma and Egyptians, and measures to improve their access to the legal aid system.

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<sup>6</sup> CERD/C/ALB/13-14, para. 123.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., para. 20.

<sup>8</sup> CERD/C/ALB/CO/9-12, paras. 17 and 18.

<sup>9</sup> CERD/C/ALB/13-14, paras. 131 and 134.

<sup>10</sup> CERD/C/ALB/CO/9-12, paras. 27 and 28.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., paras. 25 and 26.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., paras. 21 and 22.

17. Measures adopted to combat racial discrimination in the justice system, in particular measures to prevent and combat racial profiling.

**Combating racist prejudice and stereotypes (arts. 2 and 7)**

18. Measures taken to combat prejudices and stereotypes that lead to racial discrimination against minorities, in particular against the Roma and Egyptian minorities. Measures taken to raise awareness among the public, civil servants and law enforcement officials of the importance of cultural diversity and tolerance.

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