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List of themes in relation to the combined twentieth to twenty-seventh periodic reports of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Note by the Country Rapporteur*

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session¹ 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 during the dialogue. No written replies are required.

Statistics

2. Statistics on the demographic composition of its population based on self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic origin, languages spoken and status as migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons. Economic and social indicators on the various groups living in the territory of the State party, disaggregated by ethnic and national origin, sex, gender, disability and age.² Disaggregated statistics on the ethnic composition of the prison population.

The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

3. Measures taken to harmonize the domestic legal framework with the Convention and updated information on the application of the Convention by domestic courts.³

4. Information on measures taken to develop and adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law that includes a definition of direct and indirect discrimination and prohibits racial discrimination in accordance with articles 1, 2 and 4 of the Convention.⁴ Steps taken to adopt a comprehensive strategy to combat racism, racial discrimination and intolerance.

* Agreement was reached to publish the present document after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.

¹ A/65/18, para. 85.

² CERD/C/IRN/CO/18–19, para. 6; and CERD/C/IRN/20–27, paras. 7–12 and 23.

³ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18–19, para. 7; and CERD/C/IRN/20–27, paras. 30–33.

⁴ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18–19, para. 8; and CERD/C/IRN/20–27, paras. 30–33.



5. Additional information on the scope and implementation of provisions on combating and prohibiting racial discrimination and racist hate speech and crime, particularly the Citizenship Rights Charter, the Islamic Penal Code and the Code on Punishment for Propagation of Racial Discrimination, in accordance with article 4 of the Convention.⁵ Information on the adoption of the bill entitled “Prohibition of insulting Iranian ethnicities and religions”.

6. Information on measures taken to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, in the media and over the Internet, including on the mandate and activities of the Press Supervisory Board.⁶ Specific measures taken or envisaged to ensure that police and other law enforcement officers do not engage in racial discrimination, including racially motivated violence and practices that amount to racial profiling.

7. Statistics and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts or any other national institution for acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes, including over the Internet and through media outlets, and on the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions of perpetrators.⁷

8. Action taken to establish an independent national human rights institution that fully complies with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), with adequate financial and human resources.⁸

Situation of ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups (arts. 2, 5 and 6)

9. Measures taken to combat structural discrimination against ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of all the rights covered by the Convention without discrimination.⁹

10. Information on measures taken or envisaged to repeal systemic discrimination based on ethnic origin and other grounds under its domestic legal framework, including under the Civil Code and the Islamic Penal Code, particularly in relation to nationality and citizenship, marriage, inheritance, education in the languages of ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups and sanctions for prohibited acts. Information on measures taken to combat intersecting forms of discrimination faced by women and girls belonging to ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups.¹⁰

11. Measures taken to ensure the effective participation and representation of all ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups in public and political life, particularly in State institutions, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary.¹¹ Information on the application of the *gozinesh* criterion as a selection procedure for positions in the public sector.¹²

12. Updated information on measures taken to ensure the sustainable and equal development of “less endowed regions”, inhabited mainly by ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups, and to eliminate social and economic disparities among the regions.¹³

13. Information on consultations and dialogue with ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups to ensure that their views and concerns are taken into consideration in debates on issues affecting them.

14. Action to promptly and impartially investigate all human rights violations and abuses, in particular those targeting members of ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups,

⁵ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 10; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 38-45 and 74-85.

⁶ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 10; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 77-80.

⁷ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, paras. 10 and 14; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 30, 84 and 137.

⁸ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 11; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, para. 138.

⁹ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 15; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 86-126.

¹⁰ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 9; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 58-67.

¹¹ CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 17; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 125-126.

¹² CERD/C/IRN/CO/18-19, para. 16; and CERD/C/IRN/20-27, para. 124.

¹³ CERD/C/IRN/20-27, paras. 54-58.

committed in the context of the protests in November 2019 and September 2022, to prosecute perpetrators and to provide reparations to victims.

Situation of refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons (arts. 2 and 5)

15. Information on the legislative and policy frameworks on refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons and measures taken to ensure access to education, employment and health services for all persons under the State party's jurisdiction without discrimination.¹⁴

16. Measures taken to prevent and protect individuals from statelessness, including statistics on stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness, including their ethnic origin, and on the statelessness determination procedure. Information on measures taken to address obstacles to birth registration and childhood statelessness at birth.

Human rights education to combat prejudice and intolerance (art. 7)

17. Information on efforts to promote human rights education, including with a view to combating racial discrimination, in all school curricula, university programmes and teacher-training programmes and on measures taken to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants, law enforcement agencies and judicial authorities of the importance of ethnic, ethno-religious and cultural diversity and tolerance.¹⁵

¹⁴ Ibid., paras. 8, 9, 28 and 157.

¹⁵ Ibid., paras. 146–157.