



International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Distr.: General
8 October 2024

Original: English
Arabic, English, French and
Spanish only

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 114th session

Geneva, 25 November–13 December 2024

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

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

List of themes in relation to the combined tenth and eleventh periodic reports of Saudi Arabia

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 in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

Statistics

2. Statistics on the demographic composition of the population on the basis of self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic and ethno-religious origin and status as a migrant worker, refugee, asylum-seeker or stateless person. Economic and social indicators on the various groups living in the territory of the State party, disaggregated by ethnicity, sex, gender, disability and age.² Disaggregated data on the ethnic composition of the prison population.

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

3. Information on measures taken or envisaged 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.³ Measures taken or envisaged to withdraw its broad reservation to the Convention to ensure the full implementation of the Convention in the State party.⁴

4. Measures taken or envisaged to ensure that the legislative framework prohibits and punishes racist hate speech, incitement to racial hatred or to racial discrimination, and racist hate crimes, in accordance with article 4 of the Convention.⁵

¹ A/65/18, para. 85.

² CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 8; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 6 and 7.

³ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 12; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 18–27 and 66–72.

⁴ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 6; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 63–65.

⁵ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 14; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 18–27 and 66–72.



5. Information on measures taken or envisaged to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, in the media and on the Internet.
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. Updated and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts, or any other national institution, including the Human Rights Commission, concerning acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes, including on the Internet and in the media, and information on the outcomes of those complaints, on investigations and prosecutions undertaken, convictions handed down and disciplinary measures imposed on perpetrators and on reparation provided to victims.⁶
8. Measures taken or envisaged to strengthen the mandate of the Human Rights Commission and bring it into full compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) to effectively promote human rights and to monitor and evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention in an independent and transparent manner.⁷

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

9. Measures taken or envisaged to combat racial discrimination against ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups and people of African descent and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of all the rights covered by the Convention without discrimination, including their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.⁸
10. Measures taken or envisaged to combat intersecting forms of discrimination faced by women and girls belonging to ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups.⁹

Situation of migrant workers, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons (arts. 2, 5 and 6)

11. Updated information on measures taken or envisaged to achieve the full abolition of the sponsorship system in law and in practice.¹⁰ Measures taken or envisaged to ensure that migrant domestic workers are granted the same legal protection as other workers whose rights are covered under the Labour Code. Measures taken or envisaged to guarantee the exercise by migrant workers of the right to freedom of association and assembly.¹¹
12. Information on measures taken or envisaged to prevent and combat the exploitation and abuse of migrant workers, including domestic workers, by their employers and to facilitate the lodging of complaints by victims, and statistics on complaints registered, on investigations and prosecutions undertaken, convictions handed down and disciplinary measures imposed on perpetrators and on reparation provided to victims.¹²
13. Information on the legislative and policy frameworks relating to refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons.¹³ Information on measures taken or envisaged to provide access to its territory for persons in need of international protection, to respect the principle of non-refoulement and to conduct investigations into allegations of collective expulsion, pushback and the excessive use of force and violence by law enforcement officers against migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

⁶ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 16; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 46–62 and 165–175.

⁷ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 10; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 46, 47, 71–80, 168 and 169.

⁸ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, paras. 24 and 26; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 91–164.

⁹ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 26 and 28; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 36, 40–42 and 91–164.

¹⁰ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 18; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 102–107.

¹¹ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 18; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, para. 115.

¹² CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, paras. 18, 20 and 22; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 102–124 and 165–175.

¹³ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 34; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, para. 44.

14. Updated and detailed information on specific measures taken or envisaged to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, including on the impact of such measures, and on trafficking cases reported and prosecuted and convictions secured.¹⁴

15. Measures taken or envisaged to prevent and protect people from statelessness, including updated statistics on stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness.¹⁵

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

16. Information on measures taken or envisaged to promote human rights education, including ways to combat racial discrimination, in all school curricula, university programmes and teacher training programmes and on measures taken or envisaged to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants, law enforcement officers and judicial authorities of the importance of ethnic, ethno-religious and cultural diversity and tolerance.¹⁶

¹⁴ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 36; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 54, 110–116 and 121.

¹⁵ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 30; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, para. 79.

¹⁶ CERD/C/SAU/CO/4-9, para. 38; and CERD/C/SAU/10-11, paras. 176–182.