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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session is to be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.



The Committee will be invited to consider, revise, as necessary, and adopt the agenda for the session.

2. Organizational and other matters

The 115th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 April to 9 May 2025. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 April 2025.

The Committee will have before it its programme of work for the 115th session.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided, at its forty-fifth session, to establish the present item as a standing agenda item. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

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

The Committee will consider the periodic reports received from Gabon ([CERD/C/GAB/10](#)), Kyrgyzstan ([CERD/C/KGZ/11-12](#)), Mauritius ([CERD/C/MUS/24-25](#)), the Republic of Korea ([CERD/C/KOR/20-22](#)) and Ukraine ([CERD/C/UKR/24-26](#)). In accordance with established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A timetable for the consideration of the reports submitted is set out in the annex to the present document.

5. Reports submitted by States parties under article 9 (1) of the Convention

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 9 (1) of the Convention ([CERD/C/115/2](#)). Table 1 in that document contains a list of the reports received from States parties that are pending consideration by the Committee. Table 2 therein contains information relating to overdue reports.

6. Consideration of communications submitted under article 11 of the Convention

The Committee will pursue its consideration of communications submitted under article 11 of the Convention.

7. Consideration of communications submitted under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined will be closed.

8. Follow-up procedure

In accordance with the provisions of rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider information submitted by States parties in follow-up to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

9. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference

The Committee will discuss activities in follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

10. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

The Committee will discuss copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention. It will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General ([CERD/C/115/3](#)).

11. Half day of general discussion on reparations for the injustices from the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and their treatment as chattel and the ongoing harms to and crimes against people of African descent

The Committee will hold a half day of general discussion on reparations for the injustices from the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and their treatment as chattel and the ongoing harms to and crimes against people of African descent. The half day of general discussion is part of the Committee's work to elaborate a general recommendation on the topic.

Annex

Tentative timetable for the consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties

The timetable below has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its 114th session.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Number and time of meeting</i>	<i>State party</i>
Wednesday 23 April 2025	3141st 3–6 p.m.	Ukraine
Thursday 24 April 2025	3142nd 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Ukraine (continued)
Friday 25 April 2025	3145th 3–6 p.m.	Half day of general discussion on reparations for the injustices from the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and their treatment as chattel and the ongoing harms to and crimes against people of African descent
Monday 28 April 2025	3147th 3–6 p.m.	Mauritius
Tuesday 29 April 2025	3148th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Mauritius (continued)
Tuesday 29 April 2025	3149th 3–6 p.m.	Republic of Korea
Wednesday 30 April 2025	3150th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Republic of Korea (continued)
Wednesday 30 April 2025	3151st 3–6 p.m.	Gabon
Thursday 1 May 2025	3152nd 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Gabon (continued)
Thursday 1 May 2025	3153rd 3–6 p.m.	Kyrgyzstan
Friday 2 May 2025	3154th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Kyrgyzstan (continued)