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Elimination of All Forms of Racial  
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**Meeting of the States Parties to the International  
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of  
Racial Discrimination  
Eighteenth Meeting**

**Provisional summary record of the 27th meeting**

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 18 January 2000, at 10 a.m.

*Temporary Chairman:* Mr. Ndiaye (Director)

*Chairman:* Mr. Khittikhoun . . . . . (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.*

### **Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General**

1. The **Temporary Chairman**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, declared open the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Since the previous Meeting, five more States (Georgia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and South Africa) had adhered to the Convention, bringing the total number of States parties to 155. At its 1998 and 1999 sessions, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination had considered the reports of 44 States parties and had adopted, in each case, concluding observations containing suggestions and recommendations for enhanced implementation of the Convention. In its effort to re-establish dialogue with States whose reports were seriously overdue, the Committee had continued to review the implementation of the Convention in seven such States. The Committee had also considered the situation in eight countries under its early warning and urgent procedures.

2. The Committee had continued to carry out the functions assigned to it under article 14 of the Convention, whereby it considered communications received from individuals or groups who alleged that their rights under the Convention had been violated. Twenty-nine States parties had made the declaration under article 14 permitting communications to be considered by the Committee.

3. In its resolution 47/111, the General Assembly had endorsed the amendment to the Convention providing for the financing of the Committee's activities from the regular budget of the United Nations and had requested the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to provide for such financing beginning with the budget for the biennium 1994-1995. In accordance with that resolution, the Secretary-General continued to ensure that the Committee received adequate funding to carry out its activities. To date, only 25 States parties had accepted the amendment, which, in order to enter into force, must be accepted by two thirds of the States parties.

4. In its resolution 53/131, the General Assembly had strongly urged States parties to the Convention to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with

regard to the amendment. In the same resolution, the General Assembly had taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee. It had also expressed concern about the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention had still not fulfilled their financial obligations, and had appealed to all States parties in arrears to fulfil their outstanding financial obligations.

### **Election of the Chairman**

5. **Mr. Cherif** (Tunisia) nominated Mr. Khittikhoun (Lao People's Democratic Republic) for the office of Chairman of the Meeting.

6. *Mr. Khittikhoun (Lao People's Democratic Republic) was elected Chairman by acclamation.*

7. *Mr. Khittikhoun (Lao People's Democratic Republic) took the Chair.*

### **Adoption of the agenda (CERD/SP/62)**

8. *The agenda was adopted.*

### **Election of other officers of the meeting**

9. **The Chairman** said that, under rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the meeting should elect one to four Vice-Chairmen from among the representatives of the States parties. He had been informed that Ms. Samah (Algeria), Mr. Priedkalns (Latvia) and Mr. Balzan (Malta) had been nominated for the posts of Vice-Chairmen by their respective regional groups.

10. *Ms. Samah (Algeria), Mr. Priedkalns (Latvia) and Mr. Balzan (Malta) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.*

### **Election of nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 19 January 2000, in accordance with article 8, paragraphs 1 to 5 of the Convention (CERD/SP/61)**

11. **The Chairman** drew attention to the list of candidates nominated by the States parties, and their biographical data, contained in document CERD/SP/61. The names of the nine members whose terms of office would expire on 19 January 2000 and the names of the other nine members who would continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2002 were given in annexes I and II to the document. Altogether, 13 candidates had been nominated for the

nine vacancies. He drew attention to the provisions of article 8 of the Convention relating to the election of members of the Committee, particularly paragraphs 1, 2 and 4.

12. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Nikulasson (Iceland) and Ms. de Wet (Namibia) acted as tellers.*

13. *The vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	148
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	148
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	148
<i>Required majority:</i>	75
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Patricia Noziplo January-Bardill (South Africa)	131
Mr. Raghavan Vasudevan Pillai (India)	129
Ms. Zou Deci (China)	123
Mr. Marc Bossuyt (Belgium)	119
Mr. Yuri Reshetov (Russian Federation)	114
Mr. Mario Jorge Yutzis (Argentina)	104
Mr. Francois Lonsény Fall (Guinea)	104
Mr. Ion Diaconu (Romania)	
89	
Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez (Ecuador)	85

14. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. January-Bardill (South Africa), Mr. Pillai (India), Ms. Zou Deci (China), Mr. Bossuyt (Belgium), Mr. Reshetov (Russian Federation), Mr. Yutzis (Argentina), Mr. Fall (Guinea), Mr. Diaconu (Romania) and Mr. Valencia Rodríguez (Ecuador) were elected members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for a four-year term beginning on 20 January 2000.*

#### **Other matters**

15. **The Chairman**, drawing attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure (CERD/SP/2/Rev.1), said that the Secretary-General had not yet received the credentials of the representatives of a number of the States parties represented at the Meeting. He therefore suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should nonetheless be authorized provisionally to participate

in the Meeting, and he urged the States in question to submit the credentials of their representatives to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

16. *It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.*