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of all Forms of  
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COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
Sixty-third session  
Geneva, 4-22 August 2003

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The sixty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 4 to 22 August 2003. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 August 2003.
2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.
3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 and to the annex which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.
4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational and other matters.
3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.
8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003); Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.
9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

## **ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when 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.

### **2. Organizational and other matters**

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the sixty-third session. It will also hold a meeting with States parties on issues of interest to the Committee. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing its working methods. The Committee will have before it the two working documents prepared by Mr. Valencia Rodríguez already tabled before the Committee at its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions, as revised during that session and during the sixty-second session.

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

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. 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 it may decide 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. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under this item.

Furthermore, the Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of the situation in some States parties at short notice.

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

At its sixty-third session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Albania, Cape Verde, Bolivia, Czech Republic, Finland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Norway, Republic of Korea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Suriname, Tajikistan and Zambia.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and review of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable below.

### **5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention**

At its sixty-third session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/438). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

### **6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be 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 shall be closed.

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

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/436) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

**8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003); Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance**

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade and subsequently the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

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

**9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session**

**Annex**

**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS,  
COMMENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY  
STATES PARTIES AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF STATES  
PARTIES WHOSE REPORTS ARE SERIOUSLY OVERDUE  
PURSUANT TO THE REVIEW PROCEDURE**

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its sixth session.

**Monday, 4 August 2003****(1584th meeting)**

p.m.	Albania	Initial to fourth periodic reports due from 1995 to 2001, submitted in one document (CERD/C/397/Add.1)
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**Tuesday, 5 August 2003****(1585th and 1586th meetings)**

a.m.	Albania	<u>(continued)</u>
	Tajikistan <sup>a</sup>	
p.m.	Cape Verde	Third to twelfth periodic reports due from 1984 to 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/426/Add.1)

**Wednesday, 6 August 2003****(1587th and 1588th meetings)**

a.m.	Cape Verde	<u>(continued)</u>
	Zambia <sup>a</sup>	
p.m.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sixteenth and seventeenth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/430/Add.3)

**Thursday, 7 August 2003****(1589th and 1590th meetings)**

a.m.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	<u>(continued)</u>
p.m.	Czech Republic	Fifth periodic report due in 2002 (CERD/C/419/Add.1)

**Friday, 8 August 2003****(1591st and 1592nd meetings)**

a.m.

Czech Republic

(continued)

p.m.

Republic of Korea

Eleventh and twelfth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/426/Add.2)

**Monday, 11 August 2003****(1593rd and 1594th meetings)**

a.m.

Republic of Korea

(continued)Lao People's  
Democratic  
Republic<sup>a</sup>

p.m.

Bolivia

Fourteenth to sixteenth periodic reports due from 1997 to 2001, submitted in one document (CERD/C/409/Add.3)

**Tuesday, 12 August 2003****(1595th and 1596th meetings)**

a.m.

Bolivia

(continued)Suriname<sup>a</sup>

p.m.

Iran (Islamic  
Republic of)

Sixteenth and seventeenth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/431/Add.6)

**Wednesday, 13 August 2003****(1597th and 1598th meetings)**

a.m.

Iran (Islamic  
Republic of)(continued)Bahamas<sup>a</sup>

p.m.

Latvia

Fourth and fifth periodic reports, due in 1999 and 2001, submitted in one document (CERD/C/398/Add.2)

**Thursday, 14 August 2003**

**(1599th and 1600th meetings)**

a.m.	Latvia	(continued)
p.m.	Finland	Sixteenth periodic report, due in 2001 (CERD/C/409/Add.2)

**Friday, 15 August 2003**

**(1601st and 1602nd meetings)**

a.m.	Finland	(continued)
p.m.	Norway	Sixteenth periodic report, due in 2001 (CERD/C/430/Add.2)

**Monday, 18 August 2003**

**(1603rd and 1604th meetings)**

a.m.	Norway	(continued)
	Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>a</sup>	
p.m.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Second to tenth periodic reports due from 1984 to 2000, submitted in one document (CERD/C/378/Add.1)

**Tuesday, 19 August 2003**

**(1605th and 1606th meetings)**

a.m.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	(continued)
	Malawi <sup>a</sup>	
p.m.	Meeting with States parties	

**Note**

<sup>a</sup> Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).

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