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#### SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 9, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE CONVENTION

#### Note by the Secretary-General

The present note contains information on the overall situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention. Section A lists, in alphabetical order of States parties, the reports received by the Secretary-General, pending consideration by the Committee, and reflects the status of reports submitted as at 7 February 2006. Section B lists the reports due, in the order of the years in which they fell due, from States parties up to the closing date of the present session of the Committee (10 March 2006).

#### STATUS OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONVENTION

#### A. Reports received and pending consideration by the Committee

Botswana Fifteenth and sixteenth periodic reports, due in 2003 and 2005

respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/495/Add.1)

Bosnia and Herzegovina Initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports due

in 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively,

submitted in one document (CERD/C/464/Add.1)

Canada Seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports, due in 2005,

submitted in one document (CERD/C/CAN/18)

Czech Republic Sixth and seventh periodic reports due in 2006, submitted in one

document (CERD/C/CZE/7)

Denmark Sixteenth and seventeenth periodic reports, due in 2003 and 2005

respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/496/Add.1)

Estonia Sixth and seventh periodic reports, due in 2002 and 2004

respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/465/Add.1)

El Salvador Ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth periodic reports, due

in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in

one document (CERD/C/471/Add.1)

Guatemala Eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports, due in 1998,

2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one document

(CERD/C/469/Add.19)

Guyana Initial, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth,

tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports, due in 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one

document (CERD/C/472/Add.1)

India Fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth

periodic reports, due in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/IND/19)

Israel Tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth periodic reports, due in

1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one

document (CERD/C/471/Add.2)

Lichtenstein Second and third periodic reports, due in 2003 and 2005

respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/IND/15-19
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Lithuania Second and third periodic reports, due in 2001 and 2003

respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/461/Add.2)

Mexico Twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth periodic reports, due

in 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one

document (CERD/C7473/Add.1)

Mongolia Sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports, due in

2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one document

(CERD/C/476/Add.6)

Norway Seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports due in 2005,

submitted in one document (CERD/C/497/Add.1)

Oman Initial periodic report due in 2004 (CERD/C/459/Add.1)

South Africa Initial, second and third periodic reports, due in 2000, 2002 and

2004 respectively, submitted in one document

(CERD/C/461/Add.3)

The Former Yugoslav

Fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh periodic reports, due in 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively, submitted in one document Republic of Macedonia

(CERD/C/MKD/7)

Ukraine Seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports due in 2004,

submitted in one document (CERD/C/476/Add.7)

Uzbekistan Third, fourth and fifth periodic reports, due in 2000, 2002 and

2004 respectively, submitted in one document

(CERD/C/463/Add.2)

Yemen Fifteenth and sixteenth periodic reports due in 2005, submitted in

one document (CERD/C/YEM/16)

#### B. Reports due

#### 1. States parties from which two or more reports are due

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Sierra Leone	Supplementary report Fourth report	31 March 1975 4 January 1976	2 31
	Fifth report	4 January 1978	27
	Sixth report	4 January 1980	25
	Seventh report	4 January 1982	21

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Eighth report	4 January 1984	17
	Ninth report	4 January 1986	13
	Tenth report	4 January 1988	10
	Eleventh report	4 January 1990	10
	Twelfth report	4 January 1992	9
	Thirteenth report	4 January 1994	8
	Fourteenth report	4 January 1996	7
	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Liberia	Initial report	5 December 1977	28
	Second report	5 December 1979	23
	Third report	5 December 1981	24
	Fourth report	5 December 1983	25
	Fifth report	5 December 1985	13
	Sixth report	5 December 1987	10
	Seventh report	5 December 1989	10
	Eighth report	5 December 1991	9
	Ninth report	5 December 1993	8
	Tenth report	5 December 1995	7
	Eleventh report	5 December 1997	5
	Twelfth report	5 December 1999	4
	Thirteenth report	5 December 2001	2
	Fourteenth report	5 December 2003	-
	Fifteenth report	5 December 2005	-
Gambia	Second report	28 January 1982	21
	Third report	28 January 1984	17
	Fourth report	28 January 1986	13
	Fifth report	28 January 1988	10
	Sixth report	28 January 1990	10
	Seventh report	28 January 1992	9
	Eighth report	28 January 1994	8
	Ninth report	28 January 1996	7
	Tenth report	28 January 1998	5
	Eleventh report	28 January 2000	4 2
	Twelfth report	28 January 2002	2
	Thirteenth report	28 January 2004	-
	Fourteenth report	28 January 2006	-
Togo	Sixth report	1 October 1983	17
	Seventh report	1 October 1985	13

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Fourteenth report 1 October 1999 4	
Fifteenth report 1 October 2001 2	
Sixteenth report 1 October 2003	·
Seventeenth report 1 October 2005 Seventeenth report 1 October 2005	-
Seventeenth report 1 October 2003	-
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Sixth report 25 September 1986 13	
Seventh report 25 September 1988 11	
Eighth report 25 September 1990 10	
Ninth report 25 September 1992 9	
Tenth report 25 September 1994 8	
Eleventh report 25 September 1996 7	
Twelfth report 25 September 1998 5	
Thirteenth report 25 September 2000 3	
Fourteenth report 25 September 2002	_
Fifteenth report 25 September 2004	-
Papua New Second report 26 February 1985 15	<u>.</u>
Guinea Third report 26 February 1987 12	
Fourth report 26 February 1989 10	
Fifth report 26 February 1991 9	
Sixth report 26 February 1993 7	
Seventh report 26 February 1995 7	
Eighth report 26 February 1997 6	<u>,                                     </u>
Ninth report 26 February 1999 4	
Tenth report 26 February 2001 3	
Eleventh report 26 February 2003	_
Twelfth report 26 February 2005	-
Solomon Islands Second report 16 April 1985 15	;
Third report 16 April 1987 12	
Fourth report 16 April 1989 10	
Fifth report 16 April 1991 9	
Sixth report 16 April 1993 7	
Seventh report 16 April 1995 7	
Eighth report 16 April 1997	
Ninth report 16 April 1999 4	
Tenth report 16 April 2001 3	
Eleventh report 16 April 2003 1	

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Twelfth report	16 April 2005	-
Central African Republic	Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report Eleventh report Twelfth report Thirteenth report Fourteenth report Fifteenth report Sixteenth report Seventeenth report	15 April 1986 15 April 1988 15 April 1990 15 April 1992 15 April 1994 15 April 1996 15 April 1998 15 April 2000 15 April 2002 15 April 2004	14 12 12 9 8 7 5 4
Mozambique	Second report Third report Fourth report Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report Eleventh report	18 May 1986 18 May 1988 18 May 1990 18 May 1992 18 May 1994 18 May 1996 18 May 1998 18 May 2000 18 May 2002 18 May 2004	15 12 12 9 8 7 5 4
Afghanistan	Second report Third report Fourth report Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report Eleventh report	5 August 1986 5 August 1988 5 August 1990 5 August 1992 5 August 1994 5 August 1996 5 August 1998 5 August 2000 5 August 2002 5 August 2004	14 12 12 9 8 7 5 3
Seychelles	Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report Eleventh report Twelfth report Thirteenth report Fourteenth report	6 April 1989 6 April 1991 6 April 1993 6 April 1995 6 April 1997 6 April 1999 6 April 2001 6 April 2003 6 April 2005	8 8 7 7 6 4 3 1

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Ethiopia	Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report Eleventh report Twelfth report Thirteenth report Fourteenth report Fifteenth report	23 July 1989 23 July 1991 23 July 1993 23 July 1995 23 July 1997 23 July 1999 23 July 2001 23 July 2003 23 July 2005	8 8 7 7 6 4 3 1
Congo	Initial report Second report Third report Fourth report Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report	10 August 1989 10 August 1991 10 August 1993 10 August 1995 10 August 1997 10 August 1999 10 August 2001 10 August 2003 10 August 2005	8 8 7 7 6 4 3 1
Antigua and Barbuda	Initial report Second report Third report Fourth report Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report	24 November 1989 24 November 1991 24 November 1993 24 November 1995 24 November 1997 24 November 1999 24 November 2001 24 November 2003 24 November 2005	8 8 7 7 6 4 2
Saint Lucia	Initial report Second report Third report Fourth report Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report	16 March 1991 16 March 1993 16 March 1995 16 March 1997 16 March 1999 16 March 2001 16 March 2003 16 March 2005	8 8 7 6 4 3 1
Maldives	Fifth report Sixth report Seventh report Eighth report Ninth report Tenth report	24 May 1993 24 May 1995 24 May 1997 24 May 1999 24 May 2001 24 May 2003	7 7 6 4 3 1

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Eleventh report	24 May 2005	-
Chad	Tenth report	16 September 1996	7
	Eleventh report	16 September 1998	5
	Twelfth report	16 September 2000	3
	Thirteenth report	16 September 2002	-
	Fourteenth report	16 September 2004	-
Monaco	Initial report	27 October 1996	7
	Second report	27 October 1998	5
	Third report	27 October 2000	3
	Fourth report	27 October 2002	-
	Fifth report	27 October 2004	-
Nicaragua	Tenth report	17 March 1997	6
S	Eleventh report	17 March 1999	4
	Twelfth report	17 March 2001	3
	Thirteenth report	17 March 2003	-
	Fourteenth report	17 March 2005	-
Democratic	Eleventh report	21 May 1997	6
Republic of	Twelfth report	21 May 1999	4
the Congo	Thirteenth report	21 May 2001	3
	Fourteenth report	21 May 2003	1
	Fifteenth report	21 May 2005	-
Malawi	Initial report	11 July 1997	6
	Second report	11 July 1999	4
	Third report	11 July 2001	3
	Fourth report	11 July 2003	1
	Fifth report	11 July 2005	-
United Arab	Twelfth report	20 July 1997	6
Emirates	Thirteenth report	20 July 1999	4
	Fourteenth report	20 July 2001	3
	Fifteenth report	20 July 2003	1
	Sixteenth report	20 July 2005	-
Burkina Faso	Twelfth report	17 August 1997	6
	Thirteenth report	17 August 1999	4
	Fourteenth report	17 August 2001	3
	Fifteenth report	17 August 2003	1
	Sixteenth report	17 August 2005	-
Namibia	Eighth report	11 December 1997	5

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Ninth report Tenth report	11 December 1999 11 December 2001 11 December 2003	4 2
	Eleventh report Twelfth report	11 December 2005	-
Bulgaria	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Kuwait	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Niger	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	
Pakistan	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	3
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	2
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Panama	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Philippines	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
11	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	_
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Serbia and Montenegro <sup>1</sup>	Fifteenth report	4 January 1998	5
Service and monitonegro	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Swaziland	Fifteenth report	7 May 1998	5
	Sixteenth report	7 May 2000	4
	Seventeenth report	7 May 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	7 May 2004	-
Peru	Fourteenth report	29 October 1998	5
	Fifteenth report	29 October 2000	3
	Sixteenth report	29 October 2002	-
	Seventeenth report	29 October 2004	-
Burundi	Eleventh report	26 November 1998	5
	Twelfth report	26 November 2000	3
	Thirteenth report	26 November 2002	-
	Fourteenth report	26 November 2004	-
Cambodia	Eighth report	28 December 1998	4
	Ninth report	28 December 2000	3
	Tenth report	28 December 2002	-
	Eleventh report	28 December 2004	-
Iraq	Fifteenth report	13 February 1999	4
	Sixteenth report	13 February 2001	3
	Seventeenth report	13 February 2003	-
	Eighteenth report	13 February 2005	-
Cuba	Fourteenth report	16 March 1999	4
	Fifteenth report	16 March 2001	3
	Sixteenth report	16 March 2003	-
	Seventeenth report	16 March 2005	-
Gabon	Tenth report	30 March 1999	4
	Eleventh report	30 March 2001	3
	Twelfth report	30 March 2003	1
	Thirteenth report	30 March 2005	-
Jordan	Thirteenth report	29 June 1999	4
	Fourteenth report	29 June 2001	3
	Fifteenth report	29 June 2003	1
	Sixteenth report	29 June 2005	-
Uruguay	Sixteenth report	4 January 2000	3
<b>.</b>	Seventeenth report	4 January 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	4 January 2004	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Nineteenth report	4 January 2006	-
Haiti	Fourteenth report	18 January 2000	3
	Fifteenth report	18 January 2002	2
	Sixteenth report	18 January 2004	-
	Seventeenth report	18 January 2006	-
Guinea	Twelfth report	13 April 2000	3
	Thirteenth report	13 April 2002	2
	Fourteenth report	13 April 2004	-
Rwanda	Thirteenth report	16 May 2000	3
	Fourteenth report	16 May 2002	2
	Fifteenth report	16 May 2004	-
Syrian Arab Republic	Sixteenth report	21 May 2000	3
-	Seventeenth report	21 May 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	21 May 2004	-
Holy See	Sixteenth report	31 May 2000	3
	Seventeenth report	31 May 2002	2
	Eighteenth report	31 May 2004	-
Zimbabwe	Fifth report	12 June 2000	3
	Sixth report	12 June 2002	2
	Seventh report	12 June 2004	-
Dominican Republic	Ninth report	24 June 2000	3
-	Tenth report	24 June 2002	2
	Eleventh report	24 June 2004	-
Malta	Fifteenth report	26 June 2000	3
	Sixteenth report	26 June 2002	2
	Seventeenth report	26 June 2004	-
Cameroon	Fifteenth report	24 July 2000	4
	Sixteenth report	24 July 2002	2
	Seventeenth report	24 July 2004	-
Indonesia	Initial report	25 July 2000	
	Second report	25 July 2002	2
	Third report	25 July 2004	-
Colombia	Tenth report	2 October 2000	2
	Eleventh report	2 October 2002	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
	Twelfth report	2 October 2004	-
Kyrgyzstan	Second report Third report Fourth report	5 October 2000 5 October 2002 5 October 2004	2 -
Chile	Fifteenth report Sixteenth report Seventeenth report	19 November 2000 19 November 2002 19 November 2004	2 -
Lesotho	Fifteenth report Sixteenth report Seventeenth report	<ul><li>4 December 2000</li><li>4 December 2002</li><li>4 December 2004</li></ul>	2 -
Tonga	Fifteenth report Sixteenth report Seventeenth report	17 March 2001 17 March 2003 17 March 2005	2 -
Mauritius	Fifteenth report Sixteenth report Seventeenth report	29 June 2001 29 June 2003 29 June 2005	2 1 -
Romania	Sixteenth report Seventeenth report Eighth report	15 October 2001 15 October 2003 15 October 2005	- - -
Sudan	Twelfth and thirteenth reports, to be submitted jointly Fourteenth report	30 April 2002 30 April 2004	2 -
Bangladesh	Twelfth report Thirteenth report	11 July 2002 11 July 2004	2
Eritrea	Initial report Second report	30 August 2002 30 August 2004	- -
Kenya	Initial report Second report	13 October 2002 13 October 2004	-
Belize	Initial report Second report	<ul><li>14 December 2002</li><li>14 December 2004</li></ul>	- -
Benin	Initial report Second report	30 December 2002 30 December 2004	- -

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Japan	Third and fourth reports,	14 January 2003	-
	to be submitted jointly Fifth report	14 January 2005	-
China	Tenth and eleventh reports,	28 January 2003	-
	to be submitted jointly Twelfth report	28 January 2005	-
Algeria	Fifteenth and sixteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	15 March 2003	-
	Seventeenth report	15 March 2005	-
Sri Lanka	Tenth and eleventh reports,	20 March 2003	-
	to be submitted jointly Twelfth report	20 March 2005	-
San Marino	Initial report Second report	11 April 2003 11 April 2005	- -
Austria	Fifteenth and sixteenth reports,	8 June 2003	-
	to be submitted jointly Seventeenth report	8 June 2005	-
Vietnam	1 /	9 July 2003	-
	to be submitted jointly Twelfth report	9 July 2005	-
Greece	Sixteenth and seventeenth	18 July 2003	-
	reports, to be submitted jointly Eighteenth report	18 July 2005	-
Qatar	Thirteenth and fourteenth	21 August 2003	
	reports, to be submitted jointly Fifteenth report	21 August 2005	-
Turkey	Initial report Second report	15 October 2003 15 October 2005	- -
Equatorial Guinea	Initial report Second report	8 November 2003 8 November 2005	- -
United States of	Fourth and fifth reports, to	20 November 2003	-
America	be submitted jointly Sixth report	20 November 2005	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Switzerland	Fourth and fifth reports, to be submitted jointly Sixth report	29 December 2003	-
		29 December 2005	-
Hungary	Eighteenth report Nineteenth report	4 January 2004 4 January 2006	-
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Cyprus	Seventeenth and eighteenth reports, to be submitted jointly Nineteenth report	4 January 2004	
		4 January 2006	-
Costa Rica	Seventeenth and eighteenth reports, to be submitted jointly Nineteenth report	4 January 2004	-
		4 January 2006	-
Egypt	Seventeenth and eighteenth reports, to be submitted jointly Nineteenth report	4 January 2004	-
		4 January 2006	-
Thailand	Initial report	28 January 2004	
	Second report	28 January 2005	
Moldova	Fifth and sixth reports, to be submitted jointly Seventh report	25 February 2004	-
		25 February 2006	-

# 2. Other States parties whose reports are due before the closing date of the sixty- eighth session (10 March 2006) but have not yet been received

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Timor-Leste	Initial report	16 April 2004	-
Germany	Sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	15 June 2004	-
Jamaica	Sixteenth and seventeenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 July 2004	-
Armenia	Fifth and sixth reports, to be submitted jointly	23 July 2004	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Belgium	Fourteenth and fifteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	6 September 2004	-
Paraguay	Initial report	17 September 2004	-
Croatia	Sixth and seventh reports, to be submitted jointly	12 October 2004	-
Honduras	Initial report	10 October 2004	-
Trinidad and Tobago	Fifteenth and sixteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	3 November 2004	-
Italy	Fourteenth and fifteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 February 2005	-
Senegal	Sixteenth and seventeenth reports, to be submitted jointly	19 May 2005	-
Slovenia	Sixth and seventh reports, to be submitted jointly	6 July 2005	-
Mali	Fifteenth and sixteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	15 August 2005	-
Bolivia	Seventeenth and eighteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	22 October 2005	-
Comoros	Initial report	27 October 2005	-
Uganda	Eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	21 December 2005	-
Republic of Korea	Thirteenth and fourteenth reports to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-
Poland	Seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-
Ghana	Eighteenth and nineteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Eighteenth and nineteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-

State party	Type of report	Date on which the report was due	Number of reminders sent
Iran	Eighteenth and nineteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-
Tunisia	Eighteenth and nineteenth reports, to be submitted jointly	4 January 2006	-
Morocco	Sixteenth and seventeenth reports, to be submitted jointly	17 January 2006	-
Fiji	Sixteenth and seventeenth reports, to be submitted jointly	10 February 2006	-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a report submitted in compliance with a special decision of the Committee taken at its fifty-third session (1998), see CERD/C/364. The former Yugoslavia ceased to be a Member State on 1 November 2000, following the admission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/12 of 1 November 2000.