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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-fourth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 26 April to 14 May 2010. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 26 April, at 10.00 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee.
3. Election of the officers of the Committee.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Organizational and other matters.
6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention.
9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The forty-fourth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev. 4), the new member of the Committee elected at the twelfth meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 13 October 2009 will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1 of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

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

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-fourth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 11 February 2010, the reports of the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

Initial reports

Ethiopia	CAT/C/ETH/1
Ghana	CAT/C/GHA/1
Ireland	CAT/C/IRE/1
Mongolia	CAT/C/MNG/1
Turkmenistan	CAT/C/TKM/1

Second periodic reports

Albania	CAT/C/ALB/2
Cambodia	CAT/C/KHM/2
Cuba	CAT/C/CUB/2

Third periodic reports

Slovenia	CAT/C/SVN/3
Tunisia	CAT/C/TUN/3
Turkey	CAT/C/TUR/3

Fourth periodic reports

Armenia	CAT/C/ARM/3-4
Belarus	CAT/C/BLR/4
Morocco	CAT/C/MAR/4
Sri Lanka	CAT/C/LKA/3-4

Fifth periodic reports

Bosnia and Herzegovina	CAT/C/BIH/2-5
Bulgaria	CAT/C/BGR/4-5
Germany	CAT/C/DEU/5

Sixth periodic reports

Ecuador	CAT/C/ECU/4-6
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B. Reports due

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 11 February 2010 is as follows:

State party	Date in which the report was due	Revised date*
Initial reports		
Guinea	8 November 1990	
Somalia	22 February 1991	
Seychelles	3 June 1993	
Cape Verde	3 July 1993	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997	
Malawi	10 July 1997	
Bangladesh	4 November 1999	
Niger	3 November 1999	
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000	
Mali	27 March 2000	
Mozambique	14 October 2000	
Botswana	7 October 2001	
Gabon	7 October 2001	
Lebanon	3 November 2001	
Sierra Leone	25 May 2002	
Nigeria	28 June 2002	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 August 2002	
Lesotho	11 December 2002	
Holy See	25 July 2003	
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2003	
Djibouti	5 December 2003	
Timor-Leste	16 May 2004	
Congo	30 August 2004	
Swaziland	25 April 2005	
Maldives	20 May 2005	
Liberia	22 October 2005	

* The date indicated in brackets is the revised date for submission of the State party's report, in accordance with the Committee's decision at the time of adoption of the concluding observations on the last report of the State party.

Mauritania	17 December 2005
Madagascar	13 January 2007
Andorra	22 October 2007
San Marino	27 December 2007
Thailand	1 November 2008
Rwanda	14 January 2010

Second periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1992	
Belize	25 June 1992	
Uganda	25 June 1992	[25 June 2008]
Togo	17 December 1992	[17 December 2008]
Guyana	17 June 1993	[31 December 2008]
Brazil	27 October 1994	
Guinea	8 November 1994	
Somalia	22 February 1995	
Romania	16 January 1996	
Seychelles	3 June 1997	
Cape Verde	3 July 1997	
Burundi	19 March 1998	[31 December 2008]
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998	
Namibia	27 December 1999	
Tajikistan	9 February 2000	[31 December 2008]
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001	
Kuwait	6 April 2001	
Malawi	10 July 2002	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2002	
Saudi Arabia	21 October 2002	
Bahrain	4 April 2003	[4 April 2007]
Bangladesh	3 November 2003	
Niger	3 November 2003	
Burkina Faso	2 February 2004	
Qatar	10 February 2004	[10 February 2008]
Mali	27 March 2004	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	11 May 2004	
Turkmenistan	24 July 2004	
Mozambique	13 October 2004	
South Africa	31 December 2004	[31 December 2009]

Lebanon	5 October 2005
Botswana	7 October 2005
Gabon	8 October 2005
Ghana	18 December 2005
Sierra Leone	25 May 2006

Nigeria	28 July 2006
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 August 2006
Lesotho	12 December 2006
Mongolia	23 February 2007

Holy See	25 July 2007
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Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2007
Djibouti	5 December 2007
Timor-Leste	16 May 2008
Congo	30 August 2008
Swaziland	25 April 2009

Maldives	20 May 2009
Liberia	22 October 2009
Mauritania	17 December 2009

Third periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1996	
Belize	25 June 1996	
Senegal	25 June 1996	
Uruguay	25 June 1996	
Guyana	17 June 1997	[31 December 2008]

Brazil	27 October 1998	
Guinea	8 November 1998	
Somalia	22 February 1999	
Romania	16 January 2000	
Nepal	12 June 2000	[12 June 2008]

Seychelles	3 June 2001	
Cape Verde	3 July 2001	
Cambodia	13 November 2001	
Mauritius	7 January 2002	
Burundi	19 March 2002	[31 December 2008]

Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2002
Armenia	12 October 2002

Namibia	27 December 2003	
Cuba	15 June 2004	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2005	
Kuwait	5 April 2005	
Malawi	10 July 2006	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2006	
Saudi Arabia	20 October 2006	
Bahrain	4 April 2007	[4 April 2007]
Bangladesh	3 November 2007	
Niger	3 November 2007	
Burkina Faso	2 February 2008	
Qatar	10 February 2008	[10 February 2008]
Mali	27 March 2008	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	11 May 2008	
Turkmenistan	24 July 2008	
Mozambique	13 October 2008	
Lebanon	5 October 2009	
Botswana	7 October 2009	
Gabon	8 October 2009	
Ghana	18 December 2009	

Fourth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2000	
Belize	25 June 2000	
Senegal	25 June 2000	
Uruguay	25 June 2000	
Panama	22 September 2000	
Guyana	17 June 2001	[31 December 2008]
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2002	
Brazil	27 October 2002	
Guinea	8 November 2002	
Somalia	22 February 2003	
Paraguay	10 April 2003	
Tunisia	22 October 2003	
Malta	12 October 2003	[1 December 2000]
Romania	16 January 2004	
Nepal	12 June 2004	[12 June 2008]

Cyprus	16 August 2004	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	20 August 2004	
Croatia	7 October 2004	[7 October 2008]
Monaco	4 January 2005	[4 January 2009]
Seychelles	3 June 2005	
Cape Verde	3 July 2005	
Cambodia	13 November 2005	
Czech Republic	31 December 2005	[31 December 2009]
Mauritius	7 January 2006	
Burundi	19 March 2006	[31 December 2008]
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2006	
Namibia	27 December 2007	
Cuba	15 June 2008	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2009	
Kuwait	5 April 2009	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2009	[16 April 2009]

Fifth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2004	
Argentina	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Belarus	25 June 2004	
Belize	25 June 2004	
Egypt	25 June 2004	
Senegal	25 June 2004	
Uruguay	25 June 2004	
Panama	27 September 2004	
Guyana	17 June 2005	[31 December 2008]
Peru	5 August 2005	[5 August 2009]
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2006	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6 January 2006	[31 December 2008]
Brazil	27 October 2006	
Guinea	8 November 2006	
Somalia	22 February 2007	
Paraguay	10 April 2007	

Tunisia	22 October 2007	
Malta	12 October 2007	[1 December 2000]
Romania	16 January 2008	
Nepal	12 June 2008	[12 June 2008]
Cyprus	16 August 2008	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	20 August 2008	
Croatia	7 October 2008	[7 October 2008]
Monaco	4 January 2009	[4 January 2009]
Czech Republic	31 January 2009	
Seychelles	3 June 2009	
Cape Verde	3 July 2009	
Greece	4 November 2009	[4 November 2009]
Cambodia	13 November 2009	
Mauritius	7 January 2010	

Sixth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2008	
Argentina	25 June 2008	[25 June 2008]
Belarus	25 June 2008	
Belize	25 June 2008	
Egypt	25 June 2008	
Senegal	25 June 2008	
Uruguay	25 June 2008	
Canada	23 July 2008	[23 July 2008]
Panama	27 September 2008	
Guyana	17 June 2009	[31 December 2008]
Peru	5 August 2009	[5 August 2009]
Greece	4 November 2009	[4 November 2009]
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6 January 2010	[31 December 2008]

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-fourth session is given below:

Tuesday, 27 April

10 a.m.	France: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/FRA/4-6
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Wednesday, 28 April

10 a.m.	Cameroon: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/CMR/4
3 p.m.	France: replies	

Thursday, 29 April

10 a.m.	Jordan: second periodic report	CAT/C/JOR/2
3 p.m.	Cameroon: replies	

Friday, 30 April

10 a.m.	Jordan: replies	
3 p.m.	Switzerland: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/CHE/6

Monday, 3 May

10 a.m.	Switzerland: replies	
3 p.m.	Syria: initial report	CAT/C/SYR/1

Tuesday, 4 May

10 a.m.	Liechtenstein: third periodic report	CAT/C/LIE/3
3 p.m.	Syria: replies	

Wednesday, 5 May

10 a.m.	Austria: fifth periodic report	CAT/C/AUS/5
3 p.m.	Liechtenstein: replies	

Thursday, 6 May

10 a.m.	Austria: replies	
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8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item the Committee will consider communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.
