



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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## Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Seventy-eighth session

14 February to 11 March 2011

### Provisional agenda and annotations

#### Note by the Secretary-General\*

1. The seventy-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 February to 11 March 2011. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m., Monday 14 February.
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 annex, which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports 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.

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\* Late submission.

## **Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
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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.
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8. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference.
9. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council.

## **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 seventy-eighth session. It will also hold a thematic discussion on “Racial discrimination against people of African descent”. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing its working methods.

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

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item 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.

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

At its seventy-eighth session, the Committee will consider periodic reports received from the following States parties: Armenia, Bolivia, Cuba, Ireland, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Rwanda, Serbia, Spain, Uruguay and Yemen.

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. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the annexed timetable.

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

At its seventy-eighth 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/78/2). Part A of that document lists the 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 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. Follow-up procedure**

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

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

Under this item, the Committee will discuss follow-up activities 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.

**9. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council**

In accordance with a decision taken at its seventy-third session, the Committee will consider under this item matters related to the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council.

## 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 seventy-eighth session.

| <i>Day</i>                    | <i>Meeting No.<br/>and Name</i> | <i>Meeting</i>                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday<br>15 February 2011   | 2053rd<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Bolivia</b><br>(CERD/C/BOL/17-20) |
| Wednesday<br>16 February 2011 | 2054th<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Bolivia</b><br><i>continued</i>   |
|                               | 2055th<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Cuba</b><br>(CERD/C/CUB/14-18)    |
| Thursday<br>17 February 2011  | 2056th<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Cuba</b><br><i>continued</i>      |
|                               | 2057th<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Uruguay</b><br>(CERD/C/URY/16-20) |
| Friday<br>18 February 2011    | 2058th<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Uruguay</b><br><i>continued</i>   |
| Monday<br>21 February 2011    | 2061st<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Norway</b><br>(CERD/C/NOR/19-20)  |
| Tuesday<br>22 February 2011   | 2062nd<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Norway</b><br><i>continued</i>    |
|                               | 2063rd<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Ireland</b><br>(CERD/C/IRL/3-4)   |
| Wednesday<br>23 February 2011 | 2064th<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Ireland</b><br><i>continued</i>   |
|                               | 2065th<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Spain</b><br>(CERD/C/ESP/18-20)   |
| Thursday<br>24 February 2011  | 2066th<br>10 a.m.               | <b>Spain</b><br><i>continued</i>     |
|                               | 2067th<br>3 p.m.                | <b>Serbia</b><br>(CERD/C/SRB/1)      |

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| Friday<br>25 February 2011 | 2068th<br>10 a.m. | <b>Serbia</b><br><i>continued</i>                                |
|                            | 2069th<br>3 p.m.  | <b>Yemen</b><br>(CERD/C/YEM/17-18)                               |
| Monday<br>28 February 2011 | 2070th<br>10 a.m. | <b>Yemen</b><br><i>continued</i>                                 |
|                            | 2071st<br>3 p.m.  | <b>Armenia</b><br>(CERD/C/ARM/5-6)                               |
| Tuesday<br>1 March 2011    | 2072nd<br>10 a.m. | <b>Armenia</b><br><i>continued</i>                               |
|                            | 2073rd<br>3 p.m.  | <b>Moldova</b><br>(CERD/C/MDA/8-9)                               |
| Wednesday<br>2 March 2011  | 2074th<br>10 a.m. | <b>Moldova</b><br><i>continued</i>                               |
|                            | 2075th<br>3 p.m.  | <b>Lithuania</b><br>(CERD/C/LTU/4-5)                             |
| Thursday<br>3 March 2011   | 2076th<br>10 a.m. | <b>Lithuania</b><br><i>continued</i>                             |
|                            | 2077th<br>3 p.m.  | <b>Rwanda</b><br>(CERD/C/RWA/13-17)                              |
| Friday<br>4 March 2011     | 2078th<br>10 a.m. | <b>Rwanda</b><br><i>Continued</i>                                |
|                            | 2079<br>3 p.m.    | Individual Communications  |
| Monday<br>7 March 2011     | 2080th<br>10 a.m. | Thematic discussion  |
|                            | 2081st<br>3 p.m.  | Thematic discussion  |
| Tuesday<br>8 March 2011    | 2082nd<br>10 a.m. | Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure<br>Follow-up procedure |

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