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The closed part of the meeting was called to order at 4.15 p.m.

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Draft concluding observations on the tenth to eighteenth periodic reports of Madagascar (continued) (CERD/C/65/CO/4; document distributed in the meeting room in English and French)

Paragraph 18

1. *Paragraph 18 was adopted.*

Paragraph 19

2. Following an exchange of views in which **Mr. Aboul-Nasr**, **Mr. Kjaerum** and **Mr. Lindgren Alves** participated, **Mr. Sicilianos** proposed that in the second line of the English text, the phrase “to investigate complaints submitted to them” should be replaced by “to hear and consider complaints and petitions concerning individual situations”, which was the exact wording used in the Paris Principles.
3. *Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraph 20

4. Following an exchange of views in which **Mr. Aboul-Nasr**, **Mr. Sicilianos**, **Mr. de Gouttes** and **Mr. Thornberry** participated, **the Chairperson** suggested that in the second line of the French text, the phrase “*notamment des ressources limitées dont elles disposent*,” (*inter alia* the limited resources available to them) should be inserted after the word “résulter”.
5. *Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraphs 21 to 25

6. *Paragraphs 21 to 25 were adopted.*
7. *The draft concluding observations on the tenth to eighteenth periodic reports of Madagascar as a whole, as amended, were adopted.*

Draft concluding observations on the fifteenth to seventeenth periodic reports of Belarus (CERD/C/65/CO/2; document distributed in the meeting room in English only)

Paragraphs 1 and 2

8. *Paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted.*

Paragraph 3

9. *Paragraph 3 was adopted with a minor drafting change.*

Paragraph 4

10. *Paragraph 4 was adopted.*

Paragraph 5

11. **Mr. Avtonomov** proposed that the second line should read “in compliance with articles 4 and 5 of the Convention and the standards set by international human rights instruments”.

12. *Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraph 6

13. *Paragraph 6 was adopted.*

Paragraph 7

14. *Consideration of paragraph 7 was postponed.*

*Paragraph 8**Subparagraph*

15. Following an exchange of views in which **Mr. Valencia Rodríguez, Mr. Thornberry, Mr. Shahi, Mr. Sicilianos** and **Mr. Avtonomov** participated, **Mr. Pillai** proposed that in the third line, following the words “article 4 of the Convention”, the following words should be inserted: “in the context of the general recommendation of the Committee on the subject”.

16. *Paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted.*

Paragraphs 9 to 11

17. *Paragraphs 9 to 11 were adopted.*

Paragraph 12

18. **Mr. Herndl** said that the paragraph was unnecessary and proposed that it should be deleted. If the inhabitants of a particular country did not wish to use the national language, that was their concern and the Committee did not need to worry about it.

19. *Paragraph 12 was deleted.*

20. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee would continue its examination of the draft concluding observations on the fifteenth to seventeenth periodic reports of Belarus at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.