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Chairperson: Mr. Kemal

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at noon.

Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session
(CERD/C/79/R.1 and Add.1-12; CERD/C/79/R.2 and Add.1-6)

Chapter I. Organizational and related matters

1. *Chapter I was adopted.*

Chapter II. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent action procedures

2. **Mr. Diaconu** (Rapporteur) said that chapter II of the report would refer to the decision on Côte d'Ivoire that had been adopted by the Committee under its early warning and urgent action procedures at its seventy-eighth session. It would also include the sentence "The following statements were also adopted by the Committee under its early warning and urgent action procedures at its seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions." Thereafter, the statements on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic would be reproduced. The subsequent paragraphs would contain the information in the report of the working group on early warning and urgent action procedures, which the Committee had adopted the previous day.

3. *Chapter II was adopted on that understanding.*

Chapter III. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

Chapter IV. Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

4. *Chapters III and IV were adopted.*

Chapter V. Review of the implementation of the Convention in States parties the reports of which are seriously overdue

5. **Mr. Diaconu** said that, in section B, the reference to Paraguay would be deleted, since that State party had submitted its initial and second and third periodic reports, which had been considered at the current session.

6. *Chapter V was adopted on that understanding.*

Chapter VI. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

7. *Chapter VI was adopted.*

Chapter VII. Follow-up to individual communications

8. **Mr. Diaconu** said that an amendment needed to be made to the table on the third page; with regard to communication No. 43/2008 (*Saada Mohammad Adan v. Denmark*), the reference to a partly satisfactory response from the State party should be deleted and it should be stated that follow-up dialogue was ongoing, since the Committee was expecting additional information to be submitted by the State party.

9. *Chapter VII was adopted on that understanding.*

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

10. **Mr. Kut** suggested that a sentence should be added to the effect that no petitions had been received by the Committee. In addition, the numbering of certain documents had been changed, in coordination with the secretariat.

11. *Chapter VIII was adopted on that understanding.*

Chapter IX. Action taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session

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

12. *Chapters IX and X were adopted.*

Chapter XI. Thematic discussions and general recommendations

13. **Mr. Lindgren Alves** asked whether that thematic debate would be closed or public, and whether States parties would be invited to attend.

14. **Ms. Habtom** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the debate itself would be open to the public, but the preparatory meeting leading up to it would be closed. She also noted that there were insufficient funds to invite outside experts to address the Committee at the thematic debate.

15. **Mr. Diaconu** said that the chapter should mention that the Committee had decided to organize a thematic debate on hate speech and freedom of expression during its upcoming session.

16. *Chapter XI was adopted on that understanding.*

Chapter XII. Working methods of the Committee

17. **Ms. Habtom** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the secretariat would add a paragraph on the Committee's meeting with States parties.

18. *Chapter XII was adopted on that understanding.*

Annexes

Annex I. Status of the Convention

Annex II. Agendas of the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions

Annex III. Opinions of the Committee under article 14 of the Convention adopted at the seventy-ninth session

19. *Annexes I, II and III were adopted.*

Annex IV. Follow-up information provided in relation to cases in which the Committee adopted recommendations

20. **Mr. de Gouttes** said that it was stated in the last row of the table that the State party's reply was "partly satisfactory". That was incorrect; the text should be amended so that it stated that the Committee believed that the dialogue with the State party was ongoing, as mentioned in chapter VII of the draft report.

21. *Annex IV was adopted on that understanding.*

Annex V. Documents received by the Committee at its seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

22. *Annex V was adopted.*

Annex VI. Country Rapporteurs for reports of States parties considered by the Committee and for States parties considered under the review procedure at the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions

23. **Ms. Habtom** (Secretary of the Committee) responding to questions raised by **Ms. Dah**, said that annex VI had included Jordan and Viet Nam in the list of States parties that had been scheduled for review by the Committee, but in respect of which the review had been cancelled or postponed, because those States had already submitted their reports to the Committee for review. Belize had been included in that list because it had given strong assurances that it would be submitting its report shortly. Moreover, Swaziland should be added to the list.

24. **Ms. Dah** said that Niger should also be included in the list.

25. *Annex VI was adopted on that understanding.*

Annex VII. List of documents issued for the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Committee

26. *Annex VII was adopted.*

27. *The draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

The meeting was suspended at 12.35 p.m. and resumed at 12.55 p.m.

Closure of the session

28. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the seventy-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination closed.

The meeting rose at 1.15 p.m.