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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The 105th session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 27 July 2012. The first meeting will be convened (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room) on Monday 9 July at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the 105th session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's 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 Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 105th session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. As established under rule 95 of its rules of procedure, a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to its 105th session. The pre-session working group will meet from 2 to 6 July 2012.

Provisional agenda

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2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.
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7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
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9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol.
10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative

The High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative will open the 105th session of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the member of the Committee elected at the thirty-first meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 1 May 2012 will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously”.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

4. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-session working group on individual communications

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee’s business.

5. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The following meetings have accordingly been scheduled: for specialized agencies on 9 July from 12 to 12.30 p.m.; for NHRIs and NGOs on Iceland and Lithuania on 9 July from 12.00 to 1 pm; for NHRIs and NGOs on the Maldives on 12 July from 12.30 to 1 p.m.; and for NHRIs and NGOs on Armenia and Kenya on 16 July from 12 to 1p.m.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant, reference is made to chapter III and annexes III and IV of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly for 2011 (A/66/40, vol. I).

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 105rd session are those of Armenia, Iceland, Kenya, Lithuania and Maldives.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the 105th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

Iceland	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/ISL/5)	Monday, 9 July, p.m.
		Tuesday, 10 July, a.m.
Lithuania	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/LTU/3)	Tuesday, 10 July, p.m.,
		Wednesday, 11 July, a.m.
Armenia	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/ARM/2-3)	Monday, 16 July, p.m.,
		Tuesday, 17 July, a.m.
Maldives	Initial report (CCPR/C/MDV/1)	Thursday 12 July, p.m.,
		Friday 13 July, a.m. and p.m.
Kenya	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/KEN/3)	Tuesday 17 July, p.m.,
		Wednesday 18 July, a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 105th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Angola, Peru, Germany, China-Macao and Haiti (in the absence of a report).

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues prior to reporting on Afghanistan, Croatia, Israel, New Zealand and San Marino. .

8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports

At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions governing the procedure for following up on concluding observations. The Special Rapporteur will provide a progress report on her activities during the 105th session.

9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on his activities.

10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 330 communications are pending before the Committee as of 1 April 2012. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.
