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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 19 April 2013. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 15 April at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the ninth session of the Committee.

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

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, new members of the Committee shall make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

3. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from amongst its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. In

accordance with rules 16 and 17, the officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years and elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 9 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, unless the election of officers is required under rule 20. In accordance with rule 10, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

5. Organizational matters

Under this item, the Committee shall consider matters concerning the organization of the current session, in particular the adoption of its programme of work, a draft of which is contained in annex.

6. Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the eighth and ninth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will hear the report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the eighth and ninth sessions.

7. Adoption of the report of the eighth session of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will adopt the report of the eighth session of the Committee.

8. Adoption of the biennial report (2011-2012) to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council

Under this item, and in accordance with rule 35 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will adopt the biennial report to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council.

9. Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention

Under this item the Committee will be updated on the reports received from States parties under article 35 of the Convention. As of publication of the present document, the following initial reports have been received and are pending consideration by the Committee:

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Australia	2010	3 December 2010	CRPD/C/AUS/1
Austria	2010	2 November 2010	CRPD/C/AUT/1
Azerbaijan	2011	16 February 2011	CRPD/C/AZE/1
Belgium	2011	28 July 2011	CRPD/C/BEL/1
Brazil	2010	27 May 2012	CRRP/C/BRA/1
Chile	2010	14 August 2012	CRPD/C/CHL/1
Cook Islands	2011	9 December 2011	CRPD/C/COK/1
Costa Rica	2010	29 March 2011	CRPD/C/CRI/1
Croatia	2009	27 October 2011	CRPD/C/HRV/1

Czech Republic	2011	1 November 2011	CRPD/C/CZE/1
Denmark	2011	24 August 2011	CRPD/C/DNK/1
Dominican Republic	2011	5 December 2011	CRPD/C/DOM/1
El Salvador	2010	5 January 2011	CRPD/C/SLV/1
Ecuador	2010	8 September 2011	CRPD/C/ECU/1
Ethiopia	2010	8 January 2013	CRPD/C/ETH/1
Germany	2011	19 September 2011	CRPD/C/DEU/1
Jordan	2010	3 October 2012	CRPD/C/JOR/1
Kenya	2010	3 April 2012	CRPD/C/KEN/1
Lithuania	2012	18 September 2012	CRPD/C/LTU/1
Mexico	2009	27 April 2011	CRPD/C/MEX/1
Mongolia	2011	8 December 2011	CRPD/C/MNG/1
New Zealand	2010	8 May 2012	CRPD/C/NZL/1
Paraguay	2010	21 October 2010	CRPD/C/PRY/1
Portugal	2011	8 August 2012	CRPD/C/PRT/1
Qatar	2010	19 June 2012	CRPD/C/QAT/1
Republic of Korea	2010	27 June 2011	CRPD/C/KOR/1
Serbia	2011	20 June 2012	CRPD/C/SRB/1
Slovakia	2012	26 June 2012	CRPD/C/SVK/1
Sweden	2010	7 February 2011	CRPD/C/SWE/1
Thailand	2010	3 December 2012	CRPD/C/THA/1
Turkmenistan	2010	5 December 2011	CRPD/C/TKM/1
Ukraine	2012	12 April 2012	CRPD/C/UKR/1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2011	24 November 2011	CRPD/C/GBR/1

10. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 35 of the Convention

At its ninth session, the Committee will consider the initial reports received from the following State party: Paraguay.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 41 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the State party concerned of the tentative dates on which its report is scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of the report submitted is set forth in the annexed tentative programme of work.

11. Adoption of lists of issues on State party reports

The Committee will adopt lists of issues on the initial reports submitted by Austria, Australia and El Salvador.

12. Cooperation with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of disabled persons and other competent bodies

The Committee will discuss how to strengthen cooperation with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations, including organizations of disabled persons and other competent bodies, to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. Representatives of such organizations and bodies may seek to address the Committee under this item.

13. General comments and days of general discussion

The Committee will review the progress of work of the various working groups established to draft the general comments decided on by the Committee. To date, the Committee has decided to establish working groups on accessibility (art. 9) and legal capacity (art. 12). Another working group on access to public transportation and airline policies was also established and will report to the Committee but a general comment on the subject will not be prepared.

The Committee will hold a half day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities on 17 April 2013.

14. Methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will further consider its working methods.

15. Future meetings

The Committee will be informed of any developments relating to its future meetings. It will also consider the organization of its future work.

16. Treaty body strengthening

The Committee will further consider the recommendations of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the strengthening of the treaty bodies system.

17. Activities under the Optional Protocol

The Committee will consider the complaints submitted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention and the conduct of inquiries.

18. Other matters

The Committee will discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

Annex

Tentative programme of work

Monday, 15 April 2013	94th meeting	Item 3	Opening of the session
	10 a.m. (public)	Item 4	Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee
		Item 6	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between eighth and ninth sessions of the Committee
		Item 1	Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee
		Item 2	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 5	Organizational matters: adoption of the programme of work
		Item 9	Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention
	(closed)	Item 12	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of disabled persons and other competent bodies
		95th meeting	Item 10
	3 p.m. (public)		
Tuesday, 16 April 2013	96th meeting	Item 10	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Paraguay
	10 a.m. (public)		
	97th meeting	Item 17	Activities under the Optional Protocol: communications
	3 p.m. (closed)		
Wednesday, 17 April 2013	98th meeting	Item 11	Adoption of lists of issues on States party reports: Austria
	10 a.m. (closed)		
	12 p.m. (public)	Item 13	Half day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities
	99th meeting	Item 13	Half day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities
	3 p.m. (public)		
Thursday, 18 April 2013	100th meeting	Item 11	Adoption of lists of issues on States party reports: Australia
	10 a.m. (closed)		
	101st meeting	Item 11	Adoption of lists of issues on States party reports: El Salvador
	3 p.m. (closed)		

Friday, 19 April 2013	102nd meeting	Item 10	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Paraguay
	10 a.m. (closed)		
	103rd meeting	Item 14	Working methods
	3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Adoption of the report of the eight session
	5.30 p.m. (public)	Item 8	Adoption of the biennial report to the GA
		Item 18	Closing

The Committee will meet at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, Ground Floor Conference Room.

The venue of the half day of general discussion on Women and Girls with Disabilities is Room XX, Palais des Nations.
