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#### Annotations

##### 1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

##### 2. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the working group on individual communications

The 128th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 27 March 2020. The first meeting will be convened at Palais Wilson, in the ground floor conference room, on Monday, 2 March, at 10 a.m.



Pursuant to rule 35 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or its Optional Protocols that the meetings should be held in private.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

**3. 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 and non-governmental organizations based in Geneva. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: on 2 March, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from 10.30 to 11 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the Central African Republic, Portugal, Tunisia and Uzbekistan; and on 9 March, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from 10 to 10.30 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 10.30 to 11 a.m., on Dominica and Togo.

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

The reports to be considered during the 128th session are those of the Central African Republic, Portugal, Togo, Tunisia and Uzbekistan. Under rule 71 of the Committee's rules of procedure, it will also examine the measures taken by Dominica to give effect to the rights recognized in the Covenant. A tentative schedule for the consideration of reports during the 128th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

**Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant**

<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Date</i>
Central African Republic	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/CAF/3)	Wednesday, 4 March, afternoon Thursday, 5 March, morning
Dominica	In the absence of the initial report	Tuesday, 10 March, afternoon Wednesday, 11 March, morning
Portugal	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/PRT/5)	Thursday, 5 March, afternoon Friday, 6 March, morning
Togo	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/TGO/5)	Monday, 9 March, afternoon Tuesday, 10 March, morning
Tunisia	Sixth periodic report (CCPR/C/TUN/6)	Tuesday, 3 March, afternoon Wednesday, 4 March, morning
Uzbekistan	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/UZB/5)	Monday, 2 March, afternoon Tuesday, 3 March, morning

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, 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 128th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Haiti, Kenya, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, and lists of issues prior to reporting for Burkina Faso, Montenegro, Somalia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**5. Follow-up to concluding observations on State party reports**

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations will provide a progress report on her activities.

**6. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant**

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

**7. Consideration of communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant**

Mindful of the provisions under rule 107 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet prior to the 128th session, from 24 to 28 February 2020.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been or appear to have been submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 1,123 communications were pending before the Committee as at 31 December 2019.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 110 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

**8. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly**

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