



# Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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## Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

### Twenty-third session

9–27 March 2020

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### Annotations

#### 1. 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.

The provisional agenda for the twenty-third session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, pursuant to rule 8 of the rules of procedure.



## 2. Organizational matters

The twenty-third session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations, from 9 to 27 March 2020. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 9 March, at 10 a.m. A representative of the Secretary-General will open the session.

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.

The Committee will consider matters concerning the organization of the twenty-third session, in particular the adoption of its programme of work, a draft of which is contained in the annex.

## 3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Committee

The Committee will consider the report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions.

## 4. Submission of reports by parties to the Convention under article 35

The Committee will be updated on the reports received from parties to the Convention under article 35. As at the time of issuance of the present provisional agenda, the following reports had been received and were pending consideration by the Committee:

<i>Party</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Afghanistan	2014	1 October 2019	-
Andorra	2016	30 March 2017	CRPD/C/AND/1
Angola	2016	26 January 2017	CRPD/C/AGO/1
Argentina	2018	2 October 2018	CRPD/C/ARG/2-3
Austria	2019	17 October 2019	-
Azerbaijan	2019	17 December 2019	-
Bahrain	2013	12 October 2017	CRPD/C/BHR/1-2
Belarus	2018	28 December 2018	CRPD/C/BLR/1
Benin	2014	5 September 2018	CRPD/C/BEN/1
Burkina Faso	2011	30 November 2018	-
China	2018	31 August 2018	CRPD/C/CHN/2-3
Hong Kong, China	2018	31 August 2018	CRPD/C/CHN-HKG/2-3 and Corr.1
Macao, China	2018	31 August 2018	CRPD/C/CHN-MAC/2-3
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017	19 December 2018	CRPD/C/PRK/1
Egypt	2010	12 November 2019	-
Finland	2018	9 November 2019	-
France	2012	8 May 2016	CRPD/C/FRA/1
Georgia	2016	19 July 2016	CRPD/C/GEO/1
Germany	2019	25 September 2019	-

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Ghana	2014	5 June 2018	CRPD/C/GHA/1
Indonesia	2013	3 January 2017	CRPD/C/IDN/1
Israel	2014	18 May 2017	CRPD/C/ISR/1
Jamaica	2010	25 June 2018	CRPD/C/JAM/1
Japan	2016	30 June 2016	CRPD/C/JPN/1
Kazakhstan	2017	9 June 2017	CRPD/C/KAZ/1
Kiribati	2015	12 February 2019	CRPD/C/KIR/1
Malawi	2015	16 February 2017	CRPD/C/MWI/1-2
Maldives	2012	8 October 2018	CRPD/C/MDV/1
Marshall Islands	2017	22 August 2019	-
Mauritania	2014	31 January 2017	CRPD/C/MRT/1
Mexico	2018	22 February 2018	CRPD/C/MEX/2-3
Mongolia	2019	13 November 2019	-
Netherlands	2018	13 July 2018	CRPD/C/NLD/1
New Zealand	2019	8 March 2019	CRPD/C/NZL/2-3
Nicaragua	2009	8 May 2019	-
Palau	2015	2 February 2018	CRPD/C/PLW/1
Peru	2018	7 September 2018	CRPD/C/PER/2-3
Republic of Korea	2019	8 March 2019	CRPD/C/KOR/2-3
Singapore	2015	30 June 2016	CRPD/C/SGP/1
State of Palestine	2016	14 June 2019	CRPD/C/PSE/1
Sweden	2019	25 November 2019	-
Switzerland	2016	15 January 2016	CRPD/C/CHE/1
Togo	2013	8 March 2018	CRPD/C/TGO/1
Tunisia	2018	4 September 2018	CRPD/C/TUN/2-3
Tuvalu	2016	9 March 2018	CRPD/C/TUV/1
Viet Nam	2017	4 April 2018	CRPD/C/VNM/1
Zambia	2012	19 September 2017	-

##### **5. Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35**

At its twenty-third session, the Committee will consider the reports of Bangladesh, Djibouti, Estonia, Hungary, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 41 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the tentative programme of work annexed hereto.

**6. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies**

The Committee will discuss how to strengthen cooperation with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and other competent bodies in order 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.

**7. General comments**

The Committee will discuss the progress made by the task force established to draft a general comment on article 27 of the Convention, on work and employment. The Committee will also consider future days of general discussion, progress in drafting other general comments and cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities in this regard.

**8. Methods of work of the Committee and treaty body strengthening process**

The Committee will consider its methods of work and will continue its discussion on follow-up to the treaty body strengthening process and the 2020 review.

**9. Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention**

The Committee will consider the communications submitted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention and the conduct of inquiries, including follow-up to inquiries.

**10. Annual interactive debate with independent monitoring mechanisms and national human rights institutions**

The Committee will interact with independent monitoring mechanisms and national human rights institutions on the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention at the national level.

**11. Meeting with Member States and States parties to the Convention**

The Committee will meet with Member States and States parties to the Convention to discuss its methods of work, general matters related to the implementation of the Convention and other matters.

**12. Other matters**

Members will discuss any other matters relating to the work of the Committee, as considered necessary.

**13. Adoption of the report on the twenty-third session**

Pursuant to rule 38 bis of its rules of procedure, the Committee may consider and adopt the report on its twenty-third session.

## Annex

### Tentative programme of work

#### *Week 1*

Monday, 9 March 2020	512th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 2	Organizational matters
		Item 3	Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Committee
		Item 4	Submission of reports by parties to the Convention under article 35
		Item 6	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	513th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	General comments
		Item 8	Methods of work of the Committee and treaty body strengthening process
		Item 9	Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention
Tuesday, 10 March 2020	514th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 6	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	515th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Estonia
Wednesday, 11 March 2020	516th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Estonia
	517th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Bangladesh
Thursday, 12 March 2020	518th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Bangladesh
	519th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Friday, 13 March 2020	520th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
	521st meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 10	Annual interactive debate with independent monitoring mechanisms and national human rights institutions

*Week 2*

Monday, 16 March 2020	522nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 6	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	523rd meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Djibouti
Tuesday, 17 March 2020	524th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Djibouti
	525th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Lao People's Democratic Republic
Wednesday, 18 March 2020	526th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Lao People's Democratic Republic
	527th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Hungary
Thursday, 19 March 2020	528th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Hungary
	529th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 9	Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention
	530th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 8	Methods of work of the Committee and treaty body strengthening process
Friday, 20 March 2020		Item 7	General comments
	531st meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations

*Week 3*

Monday, 23 March 2020	532nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 8	Methods of work of the Committee and treaty body strengthening process
	533rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Tuesday, 24 March 2020	534th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
	535th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 11	Meeting with Member States and States parties to the Convention
Wednesday, 25 March 2020	536th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
	537th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 6	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies

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Thursday, 26 March 2020	538th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
	539th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Friday, 27 March 2020	540th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
	541st meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
		Item 12	Other matters
		Item 13	Adoption of the report on the twenty-third session
	(public)		Closing

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