The following is a list of themes identified by the Country Rapporteur in connection with the consideration of the combined sixth, seventh and eighth periodic reports of Tajikistan (CERD/C/TJK/6-8)*

1. The Convention in domestic law; the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7):
   (a) In the absence of a definition of racial discrimination, information on the prohibition of racial discrimination in political and cultural life, employment and education;
   (b) Cases of direct application of the Convention in the domestic legal order; information on court cases related to racial discrimination;
   (c) Further information on the work of the Commissioner for Human Rights, in particular on racial discrimination cases;
   (d) Awareness-raising activities on human rights and the Convention among the general population.

2. Application of the Convention to national and ethnic minorities (arts. 2, 5 and 7)
   (a) Data on the ethnic composition of the population;

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(b) Representation of minorities in the judiciary and other public services, in particular those in charge of culture and education;

(c) Access of minorities to employment;

(d) Efforts to ensure the availability of mother-tongue textbooks in minority languages;

(e) Information on the progress made for the finalization of the draft National Development Strategy up to 2020; implementation of the Cultural Development Programme for the period 2008-2015 and of the 1997 Culture Act.

3. **Situation of Roma (art. 5):**

   (a) Detailed information on the assessment concerning the general situation of the Roma community;

   (b) Measures undertaken to address the low level of education and unemployment; stigmatization of and discrimination against Roma.

4. **Discrimination against non-citizens, including refugees and asylum seekers (arts. 5 and 6):**

   (a) Freedom of movement and residence of refugees and asylum seekers under the 2002 Refugees Act;

   (b) Data on refugees who have been granted Tajik citizenship; information regarding the amendment of the Citizenship Act initiated in November 2008;

   (c) Non-refoulement principle and fundamental safeguards for refugees and asylum seekers, mainly of Afghan origin.