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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

**List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of  
the third periodic report of France concerning  
the rights covered by articles 1 to 15 of the International Covenant  
on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/FRA/Q/3)**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Please provide information on the measures the State party intends to undertake in order to achieve, by 2012, its objective of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GDP) to be devoted to official development assistance (ODA). Further, in relation to paragraph 32 of the Committee's previous concluding observations (E/C.12/1/Add.72) and in addition to the information provided in paragraphs 76 and the following paragraphs of the State party report, please provide information on how development cooperation policies have taken into account the realization of economic, social and cultural rights in developing countries (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 43).
2. Please outline in more detail how civil society organizations have been consulted in the preparation of the State party's periodic report, as requested by the Committee in paragraph 33 of its previous concluding observations (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 82).
3. The Committee requests the State party to provide statistical data on an annual comparative basis over the last five years, disaggregated by age, gender, origin and – where applicable – urban/rural residence, in its replies to the issues referred to in paragraphs 6, 10, 15, 20, 24 and 26 below. The Committee also requests the State party to provide the specific statistical information requested in paragraphs 17, 18 and 27 below.

## II. ISSUES RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT (arts. 1-5)

### Article 2, paragraph 2: Non-discrimination

4. Please provide an evaluation of how the *Loi d'orientation relative à la lutte contre l'exclusion* of July 1998 has contributed to guarantee for all, particularly for disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups, access to the basic rights referred to in paragraph 276 of the State party report.
5. In addition to information provided in paragraph 191 of the State party report, please indicate measures, including training and awareness-raising for law enforcement officers, undertaken to combat discrimination against migrants, persons of foreign origin, and members of their families in the fields of employment, housing, health care, education and culture.
6. Please provide detailed information on the legislation and policies of the State party regarding refugees and asylum seekers, particularly in the aftermath of the 2003/2004 regulations reforming the asylum law. Please also provide disaggregated statistical data on the number of refugees and asylum seekers living in the territory of the State party and on the number of applications for family reunification presented and approved since the submission of the previous report.
7. In addition to information provided in paragraphs 225 and 331 of the State party report, please provide information on the mandate and functions carried out by the *Haute Autorité de Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l'Égalité* (HALDE). Has the HALDE considered complaints submitted by individuals who claim to be victims of discrimination? If so, please provide information on the number and outcome of cases brought to the attention of the HALDE.
8. Please provide information on whether the State party intends to ratify Protocol No. 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights.

### Article 3: Equal rights of men and women

9. Please provide information on measures adopted by the State party to encourage gender equality and the representation of women in high-level positions in the State party, in the public as well as in the private sphere.

## III. ISSUES RELATING TO THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT (arts. 6-15)

### Article 6: The right to work

10. In addition to the information provided in paragraphs 163-164, 191 and 205 and the followings paragraphs of the State party report, please provide information, including statistical data, on progress made in the implementation of the different strategies adopted to provide professional training and employment opportunities for persons belonging to specific groups, such as (a) young persons, including those of foreign origin, (b) less qualified workers, (c) persons over 50 years of age, and (d) persons living in the *zones urbaines sensibles* (ZUS).
11. In addition to the information provided in paragraphs 190 and 229 of the State party report,

please provide detailed information on the implementation of the legislation and policies adopted by the State party to eliminate gender discrimination in the field of employment, including measures taken to combat over-representation of women in part-time and temporary jobs.

#### **Article 7: The right to just and favourable conditions of work**

12. Please provide information on progress made by the State party pursuant to the *Loi relative à l'Égalité salariale entre les hommes et les femmes* of March 2006 in achieving equal remuneration between men and women for work of equal value..

13. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to protect workers, particularly “poor workers” and first time job seekers, against labour market insecurity, in particular by ensuring that the extensive use of temporary and part-time employment contracts as an instrument to increase employment opportunities does not negatively affect the enjoyment of the labour and social security rights set out in articles 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Covenant. (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 179).

#### **Article 8: Trade union rights**

14. In addition to the reference made in paragraph 62 of the State party report, please provide information on the opinion of the Economic and Social Council, which was to be issued at the end of 2006, on the Hadas-Lebel report of May 2006 regarding the reform of the criteria for “representativity” of trade unions.

#### **Article 9: The right to social security**

15. Please provide updated information, including statistical data, on recipients of the nine *minima sociaux* and of the *revenue de solidarité* (State party report, paras. 94 and ff). Please also provide an evaluation on whether these income replacement allowances, particularly the RMI (*Revenu minimum d'Insertion*), the API (*Allocation Parent isolé*) and the AAH (*Allocation pour Adulte handicapé*), ensure a safety net that enables recipients to move out of their situation of poverty. In relation to the RMI, please indicate whether any measures have been taken or are envisaged by the State Party to ensure compliance with the conclusions of the European Committee of Social Rights on the report of implementation by the State party of the Revised European Social Charter, in 2006.

16. Please provide information on the minimum levels of social security benefits, particularly those replacing lost work-related income (unemployment, sickness, maternity and pensions) as a percentage of the minimum wage.

#### **Article 10: Protection of the family, mothers and children**

17. Please provide detailed information on the implementation of the Plan of Action to combat violence against women for the years 2005-2007, including disaggregated data on the number of victims of domestic violence who have been hosted in the *Centres d'Hébergement et de Réinsertion sociale* (CHRS) and updated information on family foster care for victims of domestic violence referred to in paragraph 10 of the State party report. (E/C.12/FRA/3, paras. 3 ff.)

**Article 11: The right to an adequate standard of living**

18. In addition to the information provided in paragraphs 101 to 109 of the State party report, please provide information on targeted measures to combat poverty and social exclusion among the unemployed, “poor workers”, large and single-parent families and unskilled young persons.
19. Please provide detailed information on the implementation of the *Loi de Solidarité et de Renouvellement Urbain* of 2000, particularly on the requirement for all communes to make available at least 20 per cent of *habitations à loyers modérés* (HLM) on its territory. Please also provide information, including statistical data, on the access of persons and families of immigrant origin to this type of housing. (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 238)
20. Please explain the reason for the decrease in the budget allocated by central and local authorities to social housing. (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 238)
21. Please provide updated information, including statistical data, on the measures undertaken by the State party to address the issue of *mal-logement* which according to paragraph 121 of the State party report affected 3 million persons in 2001.
22. Please provide updated information on the implementation of the *Loi d’Orientation et de Programmation pour la Ville et la Rénovation urbaine*, in particular with regard to the implementation of the *Programme de Renouvellement urbain dans les ZUS* where many disadvantaged and marginalized persons and families live. (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 240)
23. Please provide updated information on progress made to improve the living conditions of *sans-abri* in the territory of the State party as a result of the various measures referred to in paragraphs 304 and the followings paragraphs of the State party report.

**Article 12: The right to physical and mental health**

24. Please indicate whether the various health care measures adopted by the State party (*Couverture Maladie universelle* (CMU) and *CMU complémentaire* (CMUC); *Programmes régionaux pour l’Accès à la Prévention et aux Soins* (PRAPS); *Aide médicale de l’État* (AME) effectively ensure access to universal basic health care. (E/C.12/FRA/3, paras. 294 ff.)
25. Please provide detailed information, including statistical data, on the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and on the measures adopted by the State party to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, in particular among persons of foreign origin.
26. Please provide information on the measures undertaken by the State party to prevent suicide, particularly within the age group of 15 to 44, and to address its root causes. Please indicate which are the priorities and the main target groups identified by the State party in its new national action plan to prevent suicide following the evaluation of the National Strategy of Action against Suicide 2000-2005. (E/C.12/FRA/3, paras. 298 ff.)

27. Please provide information on the measures undertaken by the State party to prevent and combat drug abuse, particularly among young persons.

**Articles 13 and 14: The right to education**

28. Please indicate the results of the measures undertaken by the State party, including the introduction of the *Zones d'Éducation prioritaire* (ZEP), in decreasing drop out rates in primary and secondary education, as well as an evaluation of the recently adopted *Plan de Relance de l'Éducation prioritaire*. Please provide statistical data on drop out rates in primary and secondary education, as well as on the number of young persons who leave the school system without having obtained a qualification, over the last five years. (E/C.12/FRA/3, paras. 255 ff.)

29. Please provide information on the measures adopted by the State party to ensure access to education in regional and minority languages in French public schools, including detailed information – disaggregated by age and language spoken – on the number of students who have access to education in their regional and minority languages. (E/C.12/FRA/3, para. 50)

30. Please provide detailed information on measures adopted by the State party to facilitate access to education for Traveller and Gypsy children, including measures to ensure their participation in mainstream education.

**Article 15: Cultural rights**

31. In addition to the information requested in paragraph 29 above, please provide information on the measures adopted by the State party to preserve regional and minority languages and to ensure the right of persons belonging to linguistic minorities to use their regional and minority languages and to enjoy their cultures, in particular through support to radio and television broadcasting in regional and minority languages. (E/C.12/FRA/3, paras. 49-50)

32. Please provide information on the present position of the State party with regard to the ratification of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities and the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages.

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