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Annotations

1. 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.”

2. Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 15 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs 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.

3. 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-first session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, pursuant to rule 8 of the rules of procedure.

4. Organizational matters

The twenty-first session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations, from 11 March to 5 April 2019. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 11 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-first session, in particular the adoption of its programme of work, a draft of which is contained in the annex.

5. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Committee

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

6. 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> |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Albania | 2014 | 4 December 2015 | CRPD/C/ALB/1 |
| Andorra | 2016 | 30 March 2017 | - |
| Angola | 2016 | 26 January 2017 | - |
| Argentina | 2018 | 2 October 2018 | CRPD/C/ARG/2-3 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Due</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Symbol</i> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Australia | 2018 | 7 September 2018 | - |
| Bahrain | 2013 | 12 October 2017 | - |
| Bangladesh | 2010 | 18 April 2017 | CRPD/C/BGD/1 |
| Benin | 2014 | 5 September 2018 | - |
| Burkina Faso | 2011 | 30 November 2018 | - |
| China | 2018 | 31 August 2018 | - |
| Djibouti | 2014 | 2 February 2016 | CRPD/C/DJI/1 |
| Ecuador | 2018 | 7 September 2018 | CRPD/C/ECU/2-3 |
| El Salvador | 2018 | 7 May 2018 | - |
| Estonia | 2014 | 4 December 2015 | CRPD/C/EST/1 |
| France | 2012 | 8 May 2016 | CRPD/C/FRA/1 |
| Georgia | 2016 | 19 July 2018 | CRPD/C/GEO/1 |
| Ghana | 2018 | 5 June 2018 | - |
| Greece | 2015 | 1 June 2015 | CRPD/C/GRC/1 |
| Hungary | 2017 | 30 April 2018 | - |
| India | 2011 | 3 August 2015 | CRPD/C/IND/1 |
| Indonesia | 2013 | 3 January 2017 | - |
| Iraq | 2010 | 19 August 2015 | CRPD/C/IRQ/1 |
| Israel | 2014 | 18 May 2017 | - |
| Jamaica | 2010 | 25 June 2018 | CRPD/C/JAM/1 |
| Japan | 2016 | 30 June 2016 | CRPD/C/JPN/1 |
| Kazakhstan | 2017 | 9 June 2017 | - |
| Kuwait | 2015 | 24 September 2015 | CRPD/C/KWT/1 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 2011 | 25 May 2016 | CRPD/C/LAO/1 |
| Malawi | 2011 | 6 June 2017 | - |
| Maldives | 2012 | 8 October 2018 | - |
| Mauritania | 2014 | 31 January 2017 | - |
| Mexico | 2018 | 22 February 2018 | CRPD/C/MEX/2-3 |
| Myanmar | 2014 | 19 November 2015 | CRPD/C/MMR/1 |
| Netherlands | 2018 | 13 July 2018 | - |
| Nicaragua | 2010 | 27 February 2015 | - |
| Palau | 2018 | 2 June 2018 | - |
| Peru | 2018 | 7 September 2018 | - |
| Singapore | 2015 | 30 June 2016 | CRPD/C/SGP/1 |
| Switzerland | 2016 | 15 January 2016 | CRPD/C/CHE/1 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Due</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Symbol</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Togo | 2013 | 8 March 2018 | - |
| Tunisia | 2018 | 4 September 2018 | - |
| Tuvalu | 2016 | 9 March 2018 | - |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 2015 | 2 November 2015 | CRPD/C/VEN/1 |
| Viet Nam | 2017 | 4 April 2018 | - |
| Zambia | 2012 | 19 September 2017 | - |

7. Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35

At its twenty-first session, the Committee will consider the initial reports of Cuba, the Niger, Norway, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Vanuatu.

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.

8. Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention

The Committee will adopt lists of issues on initial reports. It will also adopt lists of issues prior to reporting, under the simplified reporting procedure, on periodic reports.

9. 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.

10. General comments

The Committee will discuss matters related to the process of preparing a future general comment. The Chair of the working group established to draft a general comment on article 11 will provide updated information on the progress made by the working group.

11. Methods of work of the Committee

The Committee will consider its methods of work.

12. 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.

13. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system

The Committee will consider the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

14. Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

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

15. Follow-up to inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

The Committee will consider the information submitted by States parties and other relevant stakeholders on follow-up to inquiries.

16. Adoption of the report on the twenty-first session

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

17. Adoption of the biennial report (2017–2018) to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council

Under this item, the Committee will adopt its biennial report to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council.

Annex

Tentative programme of work

Week 1

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| Monday, 11 March 2019 | 434th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 1 | Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee |
| | | Item 2 | Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee |
| | | Item 3 | Adoption of the agenda |
| | | Item 4 | Organizational matters |
| | | Item 5 | Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Committee |
| | Item 6 | Submission of reports by parties to the Convention under article 35 | |
| Tuesday, 12 March 2019 | 435th meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | | Item 11 | Methods of work of the Committee |
| | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies | |
| Tuesday, 12 March 2019 | 436th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | 437th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Niger |
| Wednesday, 13 March 2019 | 438th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Niger |
| | 439th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Turkey |
| Thursday, 14 March 2019 | 440th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Turkey |
| | 441st meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Rwanda |

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| Friday, 15 March 2019 | 442nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Rwanda |
| | 443rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 14 | Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention: communications and inquiries |
| Week 2 | | | |
| Monday, 18 March 2019 | 444th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | 445th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Spain |
| Tuesday, 19 March 2019 | 446th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Spain |
| | 447th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Senegal |
| Wednesday, 20 March 2019 | 448th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Senegal |
| | 449th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Saudi Arabia |
| Thursday, 21 March 2019 | 450th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Saudi Arabia |
| | 451st meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Vanuatu |
| Friday, 22 March 2019 | 452nd meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Vanuatu |
| | 453rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 11 | Methods of work of the Committee |
| | | Item 13 | Implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system |
| | | Item 10 | General comments |
| Week 3 | | | |
| Monday, 25 March 2019 | 454th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |

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| | 455th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Norway |
| Tuesday, 26 March 2019 | 456th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Norway |
| | 457th meeting 3 p.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Cuba |
| Wednesday, 27 March 2019 | 458th meeting 10 a.m. (public) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Cuba |
| | 459th meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Thursday, 28 March 2019 | 460th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| | 461st meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Friday, 29 March 2019 | 462nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | | Item 8 | Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention |
| | 463rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Week 4 | | | |
| Monday, 1 April 2019 | 464th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | | Item 8 | Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention |
| | 465th meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Tuesday, 2 April 2019 | 466th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |

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| | 467th meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Wednesday, 3 April 2019 | 468th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | | Item 8 | Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention |
| | 469th meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| Thursday, 4 April 2019 | 470th meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 9 | Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies |
| | | Item 8 | Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention |
| | | Item 14 | Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention: communications and inquiries |
| | 471st meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 15 | Follow-up to inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention |
| Friday, 5 April 2019 | 472nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed) | Item 7 | Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations |
| | | Item 10 | General comments |
| | Item 11 | Methods of work of the Committee | |
| | Item 12 | Future meetings | |
| | Item 16 | Adoption of the report on the twenty-first session | |
| | 473rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed) | Item 17 | Adoption of the biennial report (2017–2018) to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council |
| | 5 p.m. (public) | | Closing |
