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the Elimination
of all Forms of
Racial Discrimination**

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COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
Seventy-first session
Geneva, 30 July – 17 August 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventy-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 30 July – 17 August 2007. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 July 2007.
2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.
3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 and to the annex which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.
4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational and other matters.
3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
7. Follow-up procedure.
8. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.
9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.
10. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer, or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the seventy-first session. It will also hold a meeting with States parties on issues of interest to the Committee as well as two separate dialogues with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing the draft revised guidelines for the CERD-specific document already tabled and reviewed by the Committee at its seventieth session.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under this item.

Furthermore, the Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of the situation in some States parties at short notice.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its seventy-first session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mozambique, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Malawi, Namibia, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Togo.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and review of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable below.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its seventy-first session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/71/2). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Follow-up procedure

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item follow-up by States parties to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

8. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

The Secretariat will brief the Committee on follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/71/3) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

10. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

Annex

**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS,
COMMENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY
STATES PARTIES AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF STATES
PARTIES WHOSE REPORTS ARE SERIOUSLY OVERDUE
PURSUANT TO THE REVIEW PROCEDURE**

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its seventy-first session.

Monday, 30 July 2007		(1819th meeting)
p.m.	Costa Rica	Seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports due on 4 January 2006, submitted in one document (CERD/C/CRI/18)
Tuesday, 31 July 2007		(1820th and 1821st meetings)
a.m.	Costa Rica	(continued)
p.m.	New Zealand	Fifteenth to seventeenth periodic reports due on 22 December 2005, submitted in one document (CERD/C/NZL/17)
Thursday, 2 August 2007		(1822nd and 1823rd meetings)
a.m.	New Zealand	(continued)
p.m.	Kyrgyzstan	Second to fourth periodic reports due from 4 October 1998 to 2004, submitted in one document (CERD/C/KGZ/4)
Friday, 3 August 2007		(1824th and 1825th meetings)
a.m.	Kyrgyzstan	(continued)
p.m.	Mozambique	Second to twelfth periodic reports due from 18 May 1986 to 2005, submitted in one document (CERD/C/MOZ/12)
Monday, 6 August 2007		(1826th and 1827th meetings)
a.m.	Mozambique	(continued)
		Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

p.m.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Eleventh to fifteenth periodic reports due from 21 May 1997 to 2005, submitted in one document (CERD/C/COD/15)
Tuesday, 7 August 2007		(1828th and 1829th meetings)
a.m.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	(continued)
p.m.		Individual communications
Wednesday, 8 August 2007		(1830th and 1831st meetings)
a.m.		(continued) Individual communications
		Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples
p.m.	Indonesia	Initial to third periodic reports due from 25 July 2000 – 2004, submitted in one document (CERD/C/IDN/3)
Thursday, 9 August 2007		(1832nd and 1833rd meetings)
a.m.	Indonesia	(continued)
p.m.	Republic of Korea	Thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports due on 4 January 2006, submitted in one document (CERD/C/KOR/14)
Friday, 10 August 2007		(1834th and 1835th meetings)
a.m.	Republic of Korea	(continued)
p.m.	Moldova	Fifth to seventh periodic reports due from 25 February 2004 to 2006, submitted in one document (CERD/C/MDA/7)
Monday, 13 August 2007		(1836th and 1837th meetings)
a.m.	Moldova	(continued)
p.m.		Nicaragua ^a Namibia ^a

	Malawi ^a
Tuesday, 14 August 2007	(1838th and 1839th meetings)
a.m.	Togo ^a Pakistan ^a Follow-up procedure Early warning measures and urgent action procedure
p.m.	Meeting with States Parties

Note

^a Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).
