



# Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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## Committee against Torture

### Fiftieth session

6–31 May 2013

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

### Adoption of the agenda

## Provisional agenda and annotations\*

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fiftieth session of the Committee against Torture (the “Committee”) will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 6 to 31 May 2013. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 6 May, at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (the “Convention”) that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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\* Late submission

## **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational and other matters.
4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention.
6. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

## **Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General**

The fiftieth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

### **3. Organizational and other matters**

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### **4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention**

#### **(a) States parties to the Convention**

As at 1 March 2013, there were 153 States parties to the Convention. Since the preparation of the provisional agenda for the last session of the Committee (10 September 2012), the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nauru have become parties to the Convention.

#### **(b) Reports received**

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fiftieth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 1 March 2013, the reports of the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

<b>Initial reports</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
Andorra	CAT/C/AND/1
Burkina Faso	CAT/C/BFA/1
Holy See	CAT/C/VAT/1
Mozambique	CAT/C/MOZ/1
Sierra Leone	CAT/C/SLE/1
Thailand	CAT/C/THA/1

<b>Periodic reports</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
Belgium*	CAT/C/BEL/3
Burundi	CAT/C/BDI/2
Cyprus*	CAT/C/CYP/4
Kyrgyzstan*	CAT/C/KGZ/2
Latvia*	CAT/C/LVA/3-5
Lithuania*	CAT/C/LTU/3
Poland*	CAT/C/POL/5-6
Portugal*	CAT/C/PRT/5-6
Tunisia**	CAT/C/TUN/3
Montenegro*	CAT/C/MNE/2
Uruguay*	CAT/C/URY/3
Uzbekistan	CAT/C/UZB/4
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	CAT/C/VEN/3-4

\* Reports submitted under the optional reporting procedure.

\*\* The State party will submit an additional updated report.

### (c) **Initial reports**

The status of initial reports as at 1 March 2013 is as follows:

<b>Initial reports</b>		
<i>State party (since)</i>	<i>Overdue since</i>	<i>Due/received on</i>
Andorra (2006)	---	Received 14 November 2012
Antigua and Barbuda (1993)	17 August 1994	---
Bangladesh (1998)	4 November 1999	---
Botswana (2000)	7 October 2001	---
Burkina Faso (1999)	---	Received 8 November 2012

**Initial reports**

<i>State party (since)</i>	<i>Overdue since</i>	<i>Due/received on</i>
Cape Verde (1992)	3 July 1993	---
Congo (2003)	30 August 2004	---
Côte d'Ivoire (1995)	16 January 1997	---
Dominican Republic (2012)	23 February 2013	---
Equatorial Guinea (2002)	6 November 2003	---
Guinea (1989)	8 November 1990	---
Holy See (2002)	---	Received 7 December 2012
Iraq (2011)	6 August 2012	---
Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012)	---	26 October 2013
Lebanon (2000)	3 November 2001	---
Lesotho (2001)	11 December 2002	---
Liberia (2004)	22 October 2005	---
Malawi (1996)	10 July 1997	---
Maldives (2004)	20 May 2005	---
Mali (1999)	27 March 2000	---
Mauritania (2004)	---	Received 5 January 2012
Mozambique (1999)	---	Received 18 October 2012
Nauru (2012)	---	26 October 2013
Niger (1998)	3 November 1999	---
Nigeria (2001)	28 June 2002	---
Pakistan (2010)	23 July 2011	---
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001)	30 August 2002	---
San Marino (2006)	27 December 2007	---
Seychelles (1992)	3 June 1993	---
Sierra Leone (2001)	---	Received 7 February 2013
Somalia (1990)	22 February 1991	---
Swaziland (2004)	25 April 2005	---
Thailand (2007)	---	Received 26 February 2013

**Initial reports**

<i>State party (since)</i>	<i>Overdue since</i>	<i>Due/received on</i>
Timor-Leste (2003)	16 May 2004	---
United Arab Emirates (2012)	---	19 August 2013
Vanuatu (2011)	11 August 2012	---

**(d) Periodic reports**

The status of periodic reports as at 1 March 2013 is as follows:

**Periodic reports**

<i>State party (since)</i>	<i>Last examination</i>	<i>Overdue since</i>	<i>Due/received on</i>
Afghanistan (1987)	Initial November 1992	Second 5 June 1996	---
Albania (1994)	Second May 2012	---	Third 1 June 2016
Algeria (1989)	Third May 2008	Fourth 20 June 2012	---
Argentina* (1986)	Fourth November 2004	Fifth and sixth 6 June 2008	---
Armenia (1993)	Third May 2012	---	Fourth 1 June 2016
Australia* (1989)	Third and fourth May 2008	Fifth 30 June 2012	---
Austria* (1987)	Fourth and fifth May 2010	---	Sixth 14 May 2014
Azerbaijan* (1996)	Third November 2009	---	Fourth 20 November 2013
Bahrain (1998)	Initial May 2005	Second 4 April 2007	---
Belarus (1987)	Fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Belgium* (1999)	Second November 2009	---	Third Received 5 July 2012
Belize* (1986)	Initial November 1993	First and second 25 June 1996	---
Benin* (1992)	Second	Third	---

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	November 2007	30 December 2011	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (1999)	Initial May 2001	---	Second Received 8 October 2011
Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1993)	Second to fifth May 2010	---	Sixth 19 November 2014
Brazil* (1989)	Initial May 2001	Second 27 October 2002	---
Bulgaria* (1986)	Fourth to fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Burundi (1993)	Initial November 2006	---	Second Received 18 April 2012
Cambodia* (1992)	Second November 2010	---	Third 19 November 2014
Cameroon (1986)	Fourth May 2010	---	Fifth 14 May 2014
Canada (1987)	Sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016
Chad* (1992)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2012	---
Chile* (1988)	Fifth May 2009	---	Sixth 15 May 2013
China (incl. Hong Kong and Macau) (1988)	Fourth November 2008	Fifth 21 November 2012	---
Colombia* (1987)	Fourth November 2009	---	Fifth 20 November 2013
Costa Rica* (1993)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Croatia* (1992)	Third May 2004	Fourth and fifth 7 October 2008	
Cuba (1995)	Second	---	Third

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	May 2012		1 June 2016
Cyprus* (1991)	Third November 2002	---	Fourth and fifth Received 30 November 2012
Czech Republic (1993)	Fourth and fifth May 2012	---	Sixth 1 June 2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996)	Initial November 2005	Second to fourth 16 April 2009	---
Denmark* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	Sixth and seventh 30 June 2011	---
Djibouti (2002)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Ecuador* (1988)	Fourth to sixth November 2010	---	Seventh 19 November 2014
Egypt (1986)	Fourth November 2002	Fifth 25 June 2004	---
El Salvador* (1996)	Second November 2009	---	Third 20 November 2013
Estonia* (1991)	Fourth November 2007	---	Fifth Received 9 August 2011
Ethiopia (1994)	Initial November 2010	---	Second 19 November 2014
Finland* (1989)	Fifth and sixth May 2011	---	Seventh 3 June 2015
France (1986)	Fourth to sixth May 2010	---	Seventh 14 May 2014
Gabon (2000)	Initial November 2012	---	Second 23 November 2016
Georgia* (1994)	Third May 2006	Fourth and fifth 24 November 2011	---
Germany (1990)	Fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Ghana (2000)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015

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Greece* (1988)	Fifth and sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016
Guatemala* (1990)	Fourth May 2006	---	Fifth and sixth Received 9 January 2012
Guyana* (1988)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2008	---
Honduras* (1996)	Initial May 2009	---	Second 15 May 2013
Hungary* (1987)	Fourth November 2006	Fifth and sixth 31 December 2010	---
Iceland* (1996)	Third May 2008	Fourth 30 June 2012	---
Indonesia (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Ireland* (2002)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Israel* (1991)	Fourth May 2009	---	Fifth 15 May 2013
Italy* (1989)	Fourth and fifth May 2007	Sixth 30 June 2011	---
Japan* (1999)	Initial May 2007	---	Second Received 18 July 2011
Jordan* (1991)	Second May 2010	---	Third 14 May 2014
Kazakhstan (1998)	Second November 2008	Third 21 November 2012	---
Kenya* (1997)	Initial November 2008	---	Second Received 28 September 2012
Kuwait* (1996)	Second May 2011	---	Third 3 June 2015



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Kyrgyzstan* (1997)	Initial November 1999	---	Second Received 3 April 2012
Latvia* (1992)	Second November 2007	---	Third to fifth Received 3 May 2012
Libya* (1989)	Third May 1999	Fourth 14 June 2002	---
Liechtenstein* (1990)	Third May 2010	---	Fourth 14 May 2014
Lithuania* (1996)	Second November 2008	Third 21 November 2012	---
Luxembourg* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	Sixth and seventh 30 June 2011	---
Madagascar (2005)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Malta* (1990)	Second November 1999	Third 12 December 2000	---
Mauritius* (1992)	Third to fifth May 2011	---	Sixth 3 June 2015
Mexico* (1986)	Fifth and sixth November 2012	---	Seventh 23 November 2016
Moldova* (1995)	Second November 2009	---	Third 20 November 2013
Monaco* (1991)	Fourth and fifth May 2011	---	Sixth 3 June 2015
Mongolia* (2002)	Initial November 2010	---	Second 19 November 2014
Montenegro* (2006)	Initial November 2008	Second 21 November 2012	---
Morocco* (1993)	Fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Namibia (1994)	Initial May 1997	Second 27 December 1999	---
Nepal (1991)	Second November 2005	Third to fifth 12 June 2008	---

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Netherlands* (1988)	Fourth and fifth May 2007	---	Sixth Received 4 January 2012
New Zealand* (1989)	Fifth May 2009	---	Sixth 15 May 2013
Nicaragua (2005)	Initial May 2009	---	Second 15 May 2013
Norway* (1986)	Seventh November 2012	---	Eighth 23 November 2016
Panama (1987)	Third May 1998	Fourth 27 September 2000	---
Paraguay* (1990)	Fourth to sixth November 2011	---	Seventh 25 November 2015
Peru* (1988)	Sixth November 2012	---	Seventh 23 November 2016
Philippines* (1986)	Second May 2009	---	Third 15 May 2013
Poland* (1989)	Fourth May 2007	---	Fifth and sixth Received 22 May 2012
Portugal* (1989)	Fourth November 2007	---	Fifth and sixth Received 29 August 2012
Qatar (2000)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Republic of Korea* (1995)	Second May 2006	Third and fourth 7 February 2012	---
Romania* (1990)	Initial May 1992	Second 16 January 1996	---
Russian Federation* (1987)	Fifth November 2012	---	Sixth 23 November 2016
Rwanda (2008)	Initial May 2012	---	Second 1 June 2016

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<i>State party (since)</i>	<i>Last examination</i>	<i>Overdue since</i>	<i>Due/received on</i>
Saudi Arabia (1997)	Initial May 2002	Second 22 October 2002	---
Senegal (1986)	Third November 2012	---	Fourth 23 November 2016
Serbia* (2001)	Initial November 2008	Second 21 November 2012	---
Slovakia* (1993)	Second November 2009	---	Thid 20 November 2013
Slovenia* (1993)	Third May 2011	---	Fourth 3 June 2015
South Africa (1998)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2009	---
Spain* (1987)	Fifth November 2009	---	Sixth 20 November 2013
Sri Lanka (1994)	Third and fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Sweden* (1986)	Fifth May 2008	Sixth and seventh 30 June 2012	---
Switzerland* (1986)	Fifth and sixth May 2010	---	Seventh 14 May 2014
Syrian Arab Republic (2004)	Initial May 2010	---	Second 14 May 2014
Tajikistan (1995)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (1994)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Togo (1987)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Tunisia (1988)**	Second November 1998	---	Third Received 16 November 2009
Turkey* (1988)	Third November 2010	---	Fourth 19 November 2014

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Turkmenistan (1999)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Uganda* (1986)	Initial May 2005	Second 25 June 2008	---
Ukraine* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	Sixth 30 June 2011	---
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988)	Fourth November 2004	---	Fifth Received 6 September 2011
United States of America* (1994)	Second to Fourth May 2006	Fifth 19 November 2011	---
Uruguay* (1986)	Second November 1996	---	Third Received 14 September 2012
Uzbekistan (1995)	Third November 2007	---	Fourth Received 29 December 2011
Venezuela (1991)	Second and third May 2002	---	Fourth Received 11 September 2012
Yemen (1991)	Second May 2010	---	Third 14 May 2014
Zambia* (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---

\* Reports submitted under the optional reporting procedure.

\*\* The State party will submit an additional updated report.

##### 5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fiftieth session is given below:

<b>Tuesday, 7 May</b> 10 a.m.	United Kingdom: fifth periodic report	CAT/C/GRB/5
<b>Wednesday, 8 May</b> 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Mauritania: initial report United Kingdom: replies	CAT/C/MRT/1

<b>Friday, 10 May</b> 3 pm	Mauritania: replies	
<b>Monday, 13 May</b> 10 a.m.	Guatemala: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/GTM/6
<b>Tuesday, 14 May</b> 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Netherlands: six periodic report Guatemala: replies	CAT/C/NLD/6
<b>Wednesday, 15 May</b> 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Kenya: second periodic report Netherlands: replies	CAT/C/KEN/2
<b>Thursday, 16 May</b> 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Bolivia: second periodic report Kenya: replies	CAT/C/BOL/2
<b>Friday, 17 May</b> 3 p.m.	Bolivia: replies	
<b>Tuesday, 21 May</b> 10 a.m.	Japan: second periodic report	CAT/C/JPN/2
<b>Wednesday, 22 May</b> 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Estonia: fifth periodic report Japan: replies	CAT/C/EST/6
<b>Thursday, 23 May</b> 3 p.m.	Estonia: replies	

#### 6. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

#### 7. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.