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the Elimination
of all Forms of
Racial Discrimination**

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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
Sixty-fifth session
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 2-20 August 2004. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 2004.
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. 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.
8. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.
9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth 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 sixty- fifth session. It will also meet with the International Law Commission.

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 sixty- fifth session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Argentina, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Mauritania, Portugal, Tajikistan and Slovakia. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Barbados, Mexico, Mozambique and Zambia.

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 sixty- fifth 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/478). 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. 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/479) 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.

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. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

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 sixth session.

Monday, 2 August 2004 p.m.	Madagascar	(1644 th meetings) Tenth to eighteenth periodic reports due from 1988 to 2004, submitted in one document (CERD/C/476/Add.1)
Tuesday, 3 August 2004 a.m.	Madagascar	(1645 th and 1646 th meetings) (continued)
p.m.		Organisational and other matters
Wednesday, 4 August 2004 a.m.		(1647 th and 1648 th meetings) Organisational and other matters
p.m.		Meeting with the International Law Commission
Thursday, 5 August 2004 a.m.		(1649 th and 1650 th meetings) Communications
p.m.	Belarus	Fifteenth to seventeenth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/431/Add.9)
Friday, 6 August 2004 a.m.	Belarus	(1651 st and 1652 nd meetings) (continued)
p.m.	Mauritania	Sixth and seventh periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/421/Add.1)
Monday 9 August 2004 a.m.	Mauritania	(1653 rd and 1654 th meetings) (continued)
p.m.	Slovakia	Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Slovakia due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one

Tuesday, 10 August 2004		document (CERD/C/419/Add.2) (1655 th and 1656 th meetings)
a.m.	Slovakia	(continued)
p.m.	Argentina	Sixteenth to eighteenth periodic reports due from 2000 to 2004, submitted in one report (CERD/C/476/Add.2)
Wednesday, 11 August 2004		(1657 th and 1658 th meetings)
a.m.	Argentina	(continued)
p.m.	Tajikistan	Initial to fifth periodic reports due from 1996 to 2004, submitted in one report (CERD/C/463/Add.1)
Thursday, 12 August 2004		(1659 th and 1660 th meetings)
a.m.	Tajikistan	(continued)
p.m.	Portugal	Tenth and eleventh periodic reports due in 2001 and 2003, submitted in one document (CERD/C/447/Add.1)
Friday, 13 August 2004		(1661 st and 1662 nd meetings)
a.m.	Portugal	<i>(continued)</i>
p.m.	Kazakhstan	Initial to third periodic reports due from 1999 to 2003, submitted in one report (CERD/C/439/Add.2)
Monday, 16 August 2004		(1663 rd to 1664 th meetings)
a.m.	Kazakhstan Barbados ^a Zambia ^a Mexico ^a Mozambique ^a	(continued)
p.m.		Communications

Note

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