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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Seventy-sixth session
15 February to 12 March 2010

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventy-sixth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 February to 12 March 2010. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m., on Monday 15 February 2010.
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 annex which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports 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. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
2. Election of officers, according to rule 15 of the rules of procedure.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organizational and other matters.
5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
9. Follow-up procedure.
10. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference.
11. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the twenty-third Meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 21 January 2010, will 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 Elimination of Racial Discrimination honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

2. Election of officers

In accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, 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 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.

4. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the seventy-sixth session.

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

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item 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.

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

At its seventy-sixth session, the Committee will consider periodic reports received from the following States parties: Argentina, Cambodia, Cameroon, Guatemala, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Monaco, the Netherlands, Panama and Slovakia.

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. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the annexed timetable.

The Committee has also scheduled for the seventy-sixth session a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties: Jordan, Malta, Niger, Swaziland and Uruguay.

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

At its seventy- sixth 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/76/2). Part A of that document lists the reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. 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 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.

9. 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 information submitted by States parties in relation to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

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

Under this item, the Committee will discuss follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

11. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council

In accordance with a decision taken at its seventy-third session, the Committee will consider under this item matters related to the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council.

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-fifth session.

Monday, 15 February 2010		(1973rd and 1974th meetings)
a.m.		Dialogue with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies
p.m.	Monaco	Combined initial to sixth periodic reports (CERD/C/MCO/6)
Tuesday, 16 February 2010		(1975th and 1976th meetings)
a.m.	Monaco	(continued)
p.m.	Slovakia	Combined sixth to eighth periodic reports (CERD/C/SVK/6-8)
Wednesday, 17 February 2010		(1977th and 1978th meetings)
a.m.	Slovakia	(continued)
p.m.	Argentina	Combined nineteenth and twentieth periodic reports (CERD/C/ ARG/19-20)
Thursday, 18 February 2010		(1979th and 1980th meetings)
a.m.	Argentina	(continued)
p.m.	Cambodia	Combined eighth to thirteenth periodic reports (CERD/C/KHM/8-13)

Friday, 19 February 2010		(1981st and 1982nd meetings)
a.m.	Cambodia	(continued)
p.m.	Guatemala	Combined twelfth and thirteenth periodic reports (CERD/C/GTM/12-13)
Monday, 22 February 2010		(1983rd and 1984th meetings)
a.m.	Guatemala	(continued)
p.m.	Cameroon	Combined fifteenth to eighteenth periodic reports (CERD/C/CMR/15-18)
Tuesday, 23 February 2010		(1985th and 1986th meetings)
a.m.	Cameroon	(continued)
p.m.	Netherlands	Combined seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports (CERD/C/NLD/18)
Wednesday, 24 February 2010		(1987th and 1988th meetings)
a.m.	Netherlands	(continued)
p.m.	Japan	Combined third to sixth periodic reports (CERD/C/JPN/3-6)
Thursday, 25 February 2010		(1989th and 1990th meetings)
a.m.	Japan	(continued)

p.m.	Iceland	Combined nineteenth and twentieth periodic reports (CERD/C/ISL/20)
Friday, 26 February 2010		(1991st and 1992nd meetings)
a.m.	Iceland	(continued)
p.m.	Kazakhstan	Combined fourth to fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/ KAZ/4-5)
Monday, 1 March 2010		(1993rd and 1994th meetings)
a.m.	Kazakhstan	(continued)
p.m.	Panama	Combined fifteenth to twentieth periodic reports (CERD/C/ PAN/15-20)
Tuesday, 2 March 2010		1995th and 1996th meetings
a.m.	Panama	(continued)
p.m.		Update on participation in intersessional activities
