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COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The forty-first session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 3 to 21 November 2008. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 3 November, at 10.30 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman 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 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 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

**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 forty-first 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. 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. Reports received**

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-first session, the Secretary-General had received, by 1 October 2008, the reports of the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

#### **Initial reports**

Chad	CAT/C/TCD/1
Honduras	CAT/C/HON/1
Nicaragua	CAT/C/NIC/1

#### **Second periodic reports**

El Salvador	CAT/C/SLV/2
Republic of Moldova	CAT/C/MDA/2
Philippines	CAT/C/PHI/2
Slovakia	CAT/C/SLO/2
Yemen	CAT/C/YEM/2

#### **Third periodic reports**

Azerbaijan	CAT/C/AZE/3
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#### **Fourth periodic reports**

Colombia	CAT/C/COL/4
Israel	CAT/C/ISR/4

**Fifth periodic reports**

Chile	CAT/C/CHL/5
New Zealand	CAT/C/NZL/5
Spain	CAT/C/SPN/5

**Sixth periodic reports**

France	CAT/C/FRA/6
Switzerland	CAT/C/CHE/6

**B. Reports due**

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 1 October 2008 is as follows:

<b>State party</b>	<b>ate in which the report was due</b>	<b>Revised date*</b>
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**Initial reports**

Guinea	8 November 1990
Somalia	22 February 1991
Seychelles	3 June 1993
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994
Ethiopia	12 April 1995
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997
Malawi	10 July 1997
Bangladesh	4 November 1999
Niger	3 November 1999
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000
Mali	27 March 2000
Turkmenistan	25 July 2000
Mozambique	14 October 2000
Ghana	6 October 2001
Botswana	7 October 2001
Gabon	7 October 2001
Lebanon	3 November 2001
Sierra Leone	25 May 2002
Nigeria	28 June 2002
Saint Vincent and the	30 August 2002

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\* The date indicated in brackets is the revised date for submission of the State party's report, in accordance with the Committee's decision at the time of adoption of recommendations regarding the last report of the State party.

Grenadines	
Lesotho	11 December 2002
Mongolia	23 February 2003
Ireland	11 May 2003
Holy See	25 July 2003
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2003
Djibouti	5 December 2003
Timor-Leste	16 May 2004
Congo	30 August 2004
Swaziland	25 April 2005
Maldives	20 May 2005
Syrian Arab Republic	18 September 2005
Liberia	22 October 2005
Mauritania	17 December 2005
Madagascar	13 January 2007
Andorra	22 October 2007
San Marino	27 December 2007

#### **Second periodic reports**

Afghanistan	25 June 1992	
Belize	25 June 1992	
Uganda	25 June 1992	[25 June 2008]
Togo	17 December 1992	[17 December 2008]
Guyana	17 June 1993	[31 December 2008]
Brazil	27 October 1994	
Guinea	8 November 1994	
Somalia	22 February 1995	
Romania	16 January 1996	
Jordan	12 December 1996	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1997	[5 March 2009]
Seychelles	3 June 1997	
Cape Verde	3 July 1997	
Cambodia	13 November 1997	
Burundi	19 March 1998	[31 December 2008]
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998	
Ethiopia	12 April 1999	
Albania	9 June 1999	[9 June 2007]
Namibia	27 December 1999	
Tajikistan	9 February 2000	[31 December 2008]

Cuba	15 June 2000	
Chad	9 July 2000	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2001	[16 April 2009]
Kuwait	6 April 2001	
Malawi	10 July 2002	
Honduras	3 January 2002	
Kenya	22 March 2002	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2002	
Saudi Arabia	21 October 2002	
Bahrain	4 April 2003	[4 April 2007]
Bangladesh	3 November 2003	
Niger	3 November 2003	
South Africa	8 January 2004	[31 December 2009]
Burkina Faso	2 February 2004	
Qatar	10 February 2004	[10 February 2005]
Mali	27 March 2004	
Bolivia	11 May 2004	
Turkmenistan	24 July 2004	
Japan	29 July 2004	[30 June 2011]
Mozambique	13 October 2004	
Lebanon	5 October 2005	
Botswana	7 October 2005	
Gabon	8 October 2005	
Ghana	18 December 2005	
Sierra Leone	25 May 2006	
Nigeria	28 July 2006	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 August 2006	
Lesotho	12 December 2006	
Mongolia	23 February 2007	
Ireland	11 May 2007	
Holy See	25 July 2007	
Equatorial Guinea	6 November 2007	
Djibouti	5 December 2007	
Timor-Leste	16 May 2008	
Congo	30 August 2008	

### Third periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1996	
Belize	25 June 1996	
Philippines	25 June 1996	
Senegal	25 June 1996	
Uruguay	25 June 1996	
Turkey	31 August 1997	[31 August 2005]
Tunisia	22 October 1997	[30 November 1999]
Brazil	27 October 1998	
Guinea	8 November 1998	
Somalia	22 February 1999	
Malta	12 October 1999	[1 December 2000]
Liechtenstein	1 December 1999	
Romania	16 January 2000	
Nepal	12 June 2000	[12 June 2008]
Serbia	3 September 2000	
Yemen	4 December 2000	
Jordan	12 December 2000	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2001	[5 March 2009]
Benin	10 April 2001	[30 December 2011]
Seychelles	3 June 2001	
Cape Verde	3 July 2001	
Cambodia	13 November 2001	
Mauritius	7 January 2002	
Slovakia	27 May 2002	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2002	
Armenia	12 October 2002	
Costa Rica	10 December 2002	
Sri Lanka	1 February 2003	[1 February 2007]
Ethiopia	12 April 2003	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 2003	[30 June 2012]
Namibia	27 December 2003	
Republic of Korea	7 February 2004	[ 7 February 2012]
Cuba	15 June 2004	
Chad	9 July 2004	
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2005	
Lithuania	1 March 2005	
Kuwait	5 April 2005	

Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2005	[16 April 2009]
El Salvador	16 July 2005	
Honduras	3 January 2006	
Kenya	22 March 2006	
Malawi	10 July 2006	
Slovenia	14 August 2006	
Kyrgyzstan	4 October 2006	
Saudi Arabia	20 October 2006	
Bahrain	4 April 2007	[4 April 2007]
Bangladesh	3 November 2007	
Niger	3 November 2007	
South Africa	8 January 2008	[31 December 2009]
Burkina Faso	2 February 2008	
Qatar	10 February 2008	[10 February 2005]
Mali	27 March 2008	
Bolivia	11 May 2008	
Turkmenistan	24 July 2008	
Japan	29 July 2008	[30 June 2011]

#### **Fourth periodic reports**

Afghanistan	25 June 2000	
Belarus	25 June 2000	
Belize	25 June 2000	
Philippines	25 June 2000	
Senegal	25 June 2000	
Uruguay	25 June 2000	
Austria	27 August 2000	[31 December 2008]
Panama	22 September 2000	
Ecuador	28 April 2001	[28 April 2009]
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2002	
Algeria	11 October 2002	[20 June 2012]
Brazil	27 October 2002	
Guinea	8 November 2002	
Somalia	22 February 2003	
Paraguay	10 April 2003	
Tunisia	22 October 2003	
Liechtenstein	1 December 2003	
Romania	16 January 2004	



Nepal	12 June 2004	[12 June 2008]
Bulgaria	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Cameroon	25 June 2004	
Cyprus	16 August 2004	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	20 August 2004	
Croatia	7 October 2004	[7 October 2008]
Serbia	3 September 2004	
Yemen	4 December 2004	
Jordan	12 December 2004	
Monaco	4 January 2005	[4 January 2009]
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2005	[5 March 2009]
Cape Verde	3 July 2005	
Cambodia	13 November 2005	
Czech Republic	31 December 2005	[31 December 2009]
Mauritius	7 January 2006	
Slovakia	27 May 2006	
Morocco	20 July 2006	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 2006	
Costa Rica	10 December 2006	
Sri Lanka	1 February 2007	[1 February 2007]
Ethiopia	12 April 2007	
Namibia	27 December 2007	
Republic of Korea	7 February 2008	[7 February 2012]
Cuba	15 June 2008	
Chad	9 July 2008	

#### **Fifth periodic reports**

Afghanistan	25 June 2004	
Argentina	25 June 2004	[25 June 2008]
Belarus	25 June 2004	
Belize	25 June 2004	
Egypt	25 June 2004	
Hungary	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Mexico	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Philippines	25 June 2004	
Russian Federation	25 June 2004	[31 December 2010]
Senegal	25 June 2004	
Uruguay	25 June 2004	

Austria	27 August 2004	[31 December 2008]
Panama	27 September 2004	
Colombia	6 January 2005	
Ecuador	25 April 2005	[28 April 2009]
Greece	4 November 2005	[4 November 2009]
China	2 November 2005	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 2006	
United States of America	19 November 2005	[19 November 2011]
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6 January 2006	[6 January 2008]
Finland	28 September 2006	[28 September 2010]
Brazil	27 October 2006	
Guinea	8 November 2006	
Somalia	22 February 2007	
Paraguay	10 April 2007	
Tunisia	22 October 2007	
Liechtenstein	1 December 2007	
Romania	16 January 2008	
Nepal	12 June 2008	[12 June 2008]
Bulgaria	25 June 2008	[25 June 2008]
Cameroon	25 June 2008	
Cyprus	16 August 2008	
Venezuela	20 August 2008	

#### **Sixth periodic reports**

Afghanistan	25 June 2008	
Argentina	25 June 2008	[25 June 2008]
Belarus	25 June 2008	
Belize	25 June 2008	
Egypt	25 June 2008	
Hungary	25 June 2008	[31 December 2010]
Mexico	25 June 2008	[31 December 2010]
Philippines	25 June 2008	
Russian Federation	25 June 2008	[31 December 2010]
Senegal	25 June 2008	
Uruguay	25 June 2008	
Austria	27 August 2008	[31 December 2008]
Panama	27 September 2008	

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

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-first session is given below:

### **Tuesday, 4 November**

10 a.m.	Lithuania: second periodic report	CAT/C/LTU/2
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### **Wednesday, 5 November**

10. a.m.	Serbia: initial report	CAT/C/SRB/1
3 p.m.	Lithuania: replies	

### **Thursday, 6 November**

10 a.m.	Kazakhstan: second periodic report	CAT/C/KAZ/2
3 p.m.	Serbia: replies	

### **Friday, 7 November**

10 a.m.	China, including Hong Kong and Macao SARs: fourth periodic reports	CAT/C/CHN/4 CAT/C/HKG/4 CAT/C/MAC/4
3 p.m.	Kazakhstan: replies	

### **Monday, 10 November**

10 a.m.	China, including Hong Kong and Macao SARs: replies
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### **Tuesday, 11 November**

10 a.m.	Montenegro: initial report	CAT/C/MNE/1
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### **Wednesday, 12 November**

10. a.m.	Belgium: second periodic report	CAT/C/BEL/2
3 p.m.	Montenegro: replies	

### **Thursday, 13 November**

10 a.m.	Kenya: initial report	CAT/C/KEN/1
3 p.m.	Belgium: replies	

### **Friday, 16 November**

10 a.m.	Kenya: replies
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## 6. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII 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 72 and 73 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 XIX 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 101, 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.

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