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**Thirty-second meeting of Chairs
of the human rights treaty bodies**
New York, 1–5 June 2020
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Annotations

1. Election of officers

The meeting will be held in New York, as decided by the Chairs at their thirty-first meeting (A/74/256, para. 58), subject to available resources. It is expected that a senior United Nations official will make opening remarks. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the opening of the meeting on 1 June 2020, on the basis of the principle of rotation of Chairs.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The meeting will be held pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/178 on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.

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The Chairs will adopt the agenda based on the provisional agenda contained in the present document. They will also adopt the draft programme of work and consider any organizational matters.

3. General Assembly review of the treaty body system in 2020

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/268, the Chairs decided to give priority to consideration of the review of the treaty body system and the elaboration of a common vision for the future (see A/74/256, annex III). They will discuss the latest developments, initiatives and proposals by treaty bodies, States, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and others on the 2020 review. Each treaty body has appointed one or more focal points to facilitate the discussion and to engage in intersessional dialogue. The Chairs will consider proposals made by each treaty body, based on the work of their respective focal points and on sessional and intersessional discussions.

In its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged the human rights treaty bodies to strengthen the possibilities for interaction during the annual meetings of the Chairs of the treaty bodies with States parties to all human rights treaties, with a view to ensuring a forum for an open and formal interactive dialogue. The Chairs will hold consultations with States parties, and will also exchange with senior United Nations officials, United Nations agencies, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations.

4. Reporting compliance by States parties

The Chairs will discuss reporting compliance by States parties, on the basis of information provided in an online format only, as requested at their previous meeting (A/74/256, para. 49). They will review figures and trends, and discuss possible action.

5. Implementation by the treaty bodies of the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (the San José Guidelines), with a particular focus on cases of and trends in reprisals

The Chairs will discuss a summary of cases and trends in reprisals that have been brought to the attention of the treaty bodies, and issues that need further action by the Chairs (see HRI/MC/2020/2), as requested by the Chairs at their previous meeting (A/74/256, para 50).

6. Implementation by the treaty bodies of the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa guidelines)

At their twenty-fourth meeting, held in June 2012, the Chairs endorsed the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa guidelines), and strongly recommended that they be promptly adopted by the respective treaty bodies.

In paragraphs 36 and 37 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged the treaty bodies to implement the Addis Ababa guidelines in accordance with their mandates, and invited the Chairs to keep States parties updated on their implementation.

The Chairs will discuss the document prepared by the Secretariat mapping the practices of different treaty bodies, identifying the key challenges and proposing further steps to operationalize the guidelines across treaty bodies (HRI/MC/2020/3).

7. Progress made on the alignment of working methods and practices of the treaty bodies, including with regard to the simplified reporting procedure

With a view to further aligning their working methods and practices and in view of the General Assembly review of the treaty body system in 2020, the Chairs will discuss the efforts that each treaty body has made in this regard pursuant to Assembly resolution 68/268.

8. Modalities and organization of future meetings of Chairs and other intersessional activities

With the aim of further enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of their annual meeting, the Chairs will discuss the working modalities and organization of the meetings of Chairs and their intersessional activities.

9. Any other business

The Chairs will discuss any other matter relating to the work of human rights treaty bodies, as necessary.

10. Adoption of the report on the thirty-second meeting

The Chairs will adopt the draft report on the thirty-second meeting, ad referendum, which will include the draft agenda items for the thirty-third meeting and, as necessary, recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.
