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List of themes in relation to the combined thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports of Uzbekistan

Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session¹ that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State Party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State Party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State Party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

Statistics

2. Updated statistics on the demographic composition of the population based on self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic origin, including the Luli/Roma and the Karakalpak ethnic groups, and on migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons. Economic and social indicators on various groups living in the State Party's territory, disaggregated by national or ethnic origin, gender and age, particularly in respect of ethnic minority groups.²

3. Updated and disaggregated statistics on the ethnic composition of the prison population.³

The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

4. Information on the status of the equality and non-discrimination bill, drawn up by the National Centre for Human Rights and the Ministry of Justice, and whether it includes a definition of direct, indirect and intersecting forms of discrimination and prohibits racial discrimination, in line with articles 1, 2 and 4 of the Convention.⁴

5. Measures taken to review and align the legislative framework with article 4 of the Convention on combating hate crimes and hate speech.⁵

¹ A/65/18, para. 85.

² CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 5; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 52–61 and 75–82.

³ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 19; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 52–61.

⁴ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 7; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 52–61 and 75–82.

⁵ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 9; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 116–149.



6. Updated information on measures taken to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, in the media and on the Internet.⁶ Information on measures taken to ensure that the national legal framework to monitor and combat racist speech, particularly the Criminal Code, is not used in a manner that leads to unnecessary or disproportionate interference with freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly or freedom of association in relation to the activities of civil society organizations, human rights defenders or journalists, particularly those working on the rights of ethnic groups.

7. Measures taken or envisaged to ensure that police and other law enforcement officers do not engage in racial discrimination, including racially motivated violence and practices that amount to racial profiling.

8. Updated and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts or any other national institution, including the National Centre for Human Rights and the Oliy Majlis Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsperson), concerning acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes, including on the Internet and in the media, and information on the outcomes of those complaints and on investigations, prosecutions, convictions and disciplinary measures for perpetrators, and on reparations for victims.⁷

9. Information on measures taken to guarantee the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary in line with the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary.⁸

10. Measures taken or envisaged to strengthen the mandate of the Oliy Majlis Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsperson) to promote human rights effectively and to monitor and evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention in an independent and transparent manner, while ensuring adequate financial and human resources to carry out the mandate.

Situation of ethnic minority groups (arts. 2, 5 and 6)

11. Information on measures taken to develop and adopt the legislative framework on the rights of ethnic minority groups and on other measures to ensure the enjoyment by ethnic minority groups of all the rights covered by the Convention without discrimination.⁹ Information on the adoption and implementation of special measures to ensure the enjoyment by members of ethnic minority groups of their economic, social and cultural rights.¹⁰

12. Information on measures to establish effective instruments of consultation and dialogue with ethnic minority groups to ensure that their views and concerns are taken into consideration in debates on issues affecting them, including information on the mandate and activities of the Committee on Inter-Ethnic Relations and Friendly Ties with Foreign Countries and the ethnic cultural centres.

13. Information on measures taken or envisaged to ensure the effective participation and representation of members of ethnic minority groups in public and political life, particularly in State institutions, law enforcement and the judiciary.¹¹

14. Information on measures taken to combat stereotypes and structural discrimination against Luli/Roma and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, particularly access to education and adequate housing. Updated information on measures taken to ensure that Roma children have equal access to quality education and to prevent de facto segregation of Luli/Roma pupils. Information on measures taken to halt and prevent forced eviction of Luli/Roma and the demolition of their houses.¹²

⁶ CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 116–139.

⁷ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 23; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 146–149, 174–180 and 252–274.

⁸ CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 172–180.

⁹ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 11; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 42–51.

¹⁰ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, paras. 13 and 15.

¹¹ CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 181–188.

¹² CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 13; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 74–93.

15. Updated information on measures taken to ensure the enjoyment by members of the Karakalpak ethnic minority group of all the rights covered by the Convention without discrimination, including their right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.¹³

16. Information on actions to promptly and impartially investigate all human rights violations and abuses targeting members of the Karakalpak ethnic minority group committed in the context of the protests in July 2022 and their aftermath, including the ongoing imprisonment of activists and other members of the Karakalpak ethnic minority in the region of Karakalpakstan, as well as to prosecute the perpetrators and to provide victims with reparations.

17. Updated information on measures to provide mother tongue education for children belonging to ethnic minority groups.¹⁴

Situation of refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons (arts. 2 and 5)

18. Information on the legislative and policy frameworks on asylum-seekers and refugees and on measures to ensure access to education, employment and health services without discrimination to all persons under the State Party's jurisdiction.¹⁵

19. Information on the scope and implementation of the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals and Stateless Persons in Uzbekistan Act of 4 June 2021 and the Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan Act of 13 March 2020. Updated information on other measures taken to prevent and protect individuals from statelessness, on the statelessness determination procedure, and updated statistics on stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness, including their ethnic origin.¹⁶

Human rights education to combat prejudice and intolerance (art. 7)

20. Information on the measures taken or envisaged to promote human rights education, including ways to combat racial discrimination, in all school curricula, university programmes and teacher training programmes and on measures taken to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants, law enforcement authorities and judicial authorities of the importance of ethnic and cultural diversity and tolerance.¹⁷

¹³ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 15; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 94–110.

¹⁴ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 17; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 231–243.

¹⁵ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 21; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 194–200.

¹⁶ CERD/C/UZB/CO/10-12, para. 21; and CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 189–200.

¹⁷ CERD/C/UZB/13-14, paras. 275–303.