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by States Parties under article 9 of the Convention**

List of themes in relation to the combined twentieth to twenty-second periodic reports of Tunisia

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. Statistics on the demographic composition of the population on the basis of self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic origin and, where applicable, status as a migrant worker, refugee, asylum-seeker or stateless person. Economic and social indicators with regard to the various groups living in the territory of the State Party, disaggregated by ethnicity, sex, gender, disability and age.²

The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6)

3. Information on the scope and implementation of Organic Act No. 2018-50 of 23 October 2018 on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.³ Information on measures taken to adopt a comprehensive strategy and a national action plan to combat racism, racial discrimination and intolerance. Information on the measures taken to establish the National Commission to Combat Racial Discrimination.⁴

4. Updated information on the implementation of provisions on combating and prohibiting racial discrimination and racist hate crimes, including provisions in Organic Act No. 2018-50, decree No. 2011-88 on the organization of associations, decree No. 2011-87 of 24 September 2011 concerning the organization of political parties and decree No. 2011-115 of 2 November 2011 on freedom of the press, in accordance with articles 2 and 4 of the Convention.⁵

¹ A/65/18, para. 85.

² CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 10; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 12–30.

³ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 13; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 42, 78–83 and 86–93.

⁴ CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 86–93.

⁵ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 13; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 102–114.



5. Information on measures taken to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, in the media and over the Internet.⁶ Updated information on the activities of the Independent High Authority for Audiovisual Communication to combat racist hate speech.⁷

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

7. Updated and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts, or any other national institution, 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, on investigations, prosecutions, convictions and disciplinary measures for perpetrators, and on reparations for victims.⁸

8. Measures taken to strengthen the mandate of the Human Rights Commission and bring it into full compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) and thereby ensure the Commission's ability to effectively promote human rights and to monitor and evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention in an independent and transparent manner.⁹

Situation of ethnic minority groups

9. Measures taken to guarantee the full and equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by black Tunisians and members belonging to the Amazigh ethnic minority group, in particular their access to education, adequate housing, health and employment.¹⁰

10. Measures taken to ensure access for members of the Amazigh ethnic minority group to quality education in their mother tongue.¹¹ Measures taken to ensure the registration of Amazigh names on birth certificates.¹²

Situation of migrant workers, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons (arts. 2, 5 and 6)

11. Information on the legislative and policy frameworks relating to refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons, including the drafting of the asylum bill that has been pending since 2021, bill No. 82/2024 on regulating the expulsion of undocumented migrants, and the campaign titled: "Strengthening the security fabric and reducing irregular stay in Tunisia".¹³ Updated information on measures taken to ensure access to education, employment and healthcare services without discrimination to all persons under the State Party's jurisdiction.¹⁴

12. Measures to combat acts of racial discrimination targeting migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

13. Information on the scope and implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the European Union and the State Party, signed in July 2023, regarding a new comprehensive strategic partnership framework based on five pillars, and its alignment with international human rights standards.

14. Information on measures taken to provide access to the State Party's territory for persons in need of international protection, to respect the principle of non-refoulement and to conduct investigations into allegations of expulsion, pushback and the excessive use of force and violence by law enforcement agents against migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

⁶ CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 104–110.

⁷ Ibid., paras. 126–130.

⁸ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 19; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 115–125.

⁹ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 5; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 94–100.

¹⁰ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, paras. 11 and 14; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 150–168.

¹¹ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 18; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 150–156.

¹² CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 16; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, para. 149.

¹³ CERD/C/TUN/CO/19, para. 15; and CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 169–180.

¹⁴ CERD/C/TUN/20-22, paras. 153–180.

15. Updated and detailed information on specific measures taken to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, including on the impact of such measures, and on trafficking cases reported and prosecuted and convictions secured.¹⁵

16. Measures taken to prevent and protect people from statelessness, including statistics on stateless persons and those at risk of statelessness.

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

17. Information on measures taken to promote human rights education, including ways to combat racial discrimination, in all school curricula and teacher training programmes, and on measures taken to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants, law enforcement officers and judicial authorities of the importance of ethnic and cultural diversity and tolerance.¹⁶

¹⁵ Ibid., paras. 181–207.

¹⁶ Ibid., paras. 52–71 and 228–233.