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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventh session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 26 September 2014. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 15 September at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the seventh session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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Annotations

1. Opening of the seventh session

The seventh session of the Committee will be opened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative.

2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances

The Committee will hold a minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its seventh session.

4. Communications, requests for urgent actions and information received by the Committee

The Committee will consider any communication, request for urgent action and information it has received in relation to articles 30–34 of the Convention.

5. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will discuss, inter alia: (a) methods of work with regard to its activities under articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention; (b) interaction with relevant stakeholders; and (c) the strategy to encourage States to ratify the Convention and other matters.

(a) Methods of work related to articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention

The Committee will continue its work on developing methodology and working procedures for the implementation of articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention.

(b) Interaction with relevant stakeholders

The Committee will discuss its relationship with national human rights institutions with a view to adopting a document in this regard.

(c) Strategy for ratification and other matters

The Committee will examine the rate of ratification of the Convention and discuss strategies to encourage ratification of the Convention and acceptance of the competence of the Committee under articles 31 and 32 of the Convention as well as other matters.

6. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention

The Committee will consider during the seventh session the reports submitted by Belgium and Paraguay pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventh session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Belgium (CED/C/BEL/1) on Monday 15 September 2014 (p.m.) and on Tuesday 16 September 2014 (a.m.);

Paraguay (CED/C/PRY/1) on Tuesday 16 September 2014 (p.m.) and on Wednesday 17 September 2014 (a.m.).

In accordance with rule 51 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventh session.

The Committee will also review information received under its procedure on follow-up to concluding observations.

7. Consideration of lists of issues

The Committee will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports submitted by Armenia (CED/C/ARM/1), Mexico (CED/C/MEX/1) and Serbia (CED/C/SRB/1) pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

8. Meeting with States Members of the United Nations

The Committee will hold a meeting with States parties to the Convention, States signatories to the Convention and other States Members of the United Nations to discuss with them relevant topics under the Convention.

9. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations

The Committee will meet with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations which work on issues related to enforced disappearance.

10. Yearly meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

The Committee will hold its yearly joint meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to ensure a strong and effective cooperation among the two mechanisms with the aim of avoiding overlaps, achieving the common goal of the eradication of the practice of enforced disappearances and ensuring the right to the truth, justice and reparation to the victims.

11. Meeting with national human rights institutions

The Committee will hold a meeting with national human rights institutions on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

12. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

The Committee will hold a meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

13. Provisional agenda for the eighth session

The Committee will discuss the provisional agenda for its eighth session (dates to be confirmed).

14. Treaty body strengthening update

Under this item, the Committee will discuss issues related to the treaty body strengthening process, including harmonization.
