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## **Annotations**

### **1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 16 of the rules of procedure**

In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the thirty-first meeting of States Parties to the Convention, held on 2 June 2025, will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

### **2. Election of members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure**

In accordance with article 10 (2) of the Convention and rules 17 and 18 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its own members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur, who shall constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The members of the Bureau shall be elected for a term of two years. They shall be eligible for re-election.

Under rule 60 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise, or in the case of elections to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the members of the Bureau when required under rule 17. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

The Committee will be invited to consider, revise, as necessary, and adopt the agenda for the session.

### **4. Organizational and other matters**

The 117th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 13 April to 1 May 2026. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 April 2026.

The Committee will have before it its programme of work for the 117th session.

### **5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures**

The Committee decided, at its forty-fifth session, to establish the present item as a standing agenda item. In accordance with rule 118 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider specific situations under its early warning and urgent action procedure, in order to prevent them from escalating or to identify those that require immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

### **6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States Parties under article 9 of the Convention**

The Committee will consider the periodic reports received from Burkina Faso (CERD/C/BFA/20-24), Cuba (CERD/C/CUB/22-26), Cyprus (CERD/C/CYP/25), Serbia (CERD/C/SRB/6-9), Slovenia (CERD/C/SVN/12-14) and Uzbekistan (CERD/C/UZB/13-14). In accordance with established practice and in conformity with rule 68 of the Committee’s

rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States Parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A timetable for the consideration of the reports submitted is set out in the annex to the present document.

**7. Reports submitted by States Parties under article 9 (1) of the Convention**

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States Parties under article 9 (1) of the Convention ([CERD/C/117/2](#)). Table 1 in that document contains a list of the reports received from States Parties that are pending consideration by the Committee. Table 2 therein contains information relating to overdue reports.

**8. Consideration of communications submitted under article 11 of the Convention**

The Committee will pursue its consideration of communications submitted under article 11 of the Convention.

**9. Consideration of communications submitted under article 14 of the Convention**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 98 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined will be held in private.

**10. Follow-up procedure**

In accordance with the provisions of rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider information submitted by States Parties in follow-up to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

**11. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference**

The Committee will discuss activities in follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

**12. Consideration of general recommendation No. 40 on reparations for the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans, for chattel slavery and for the ensuing and continuing harm inflicted on people of African descent**

The Committee will continue its work on drafting general recommendation No. 40 on reparations for the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans, for chattel slavery and for the ensuing and continuing harm inflicted on people of African descent.

**13. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention**

The Committee will discuss copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention. It will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General ([CERD/C/117/3](#)).

## Annex

### **Tentative timetable for the consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States Parties**

The timetable below has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its 116th session.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Number and time of meeting</i>	<i>State Party</i>
Tuesday 14 April 2026	3199th 3–6 p.m.	Serbia
Wednesday 15 April 2026	3200th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Serbia (continued)
Wednesday 15 April 2026	3201st 3–6 p.m.	Slovenia
Thursday 16 April 2026	3202nd 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Slovenia (continued)
Thursday 16 April 2026	3203rd 3–6 p.m.	Cyprus
Friday 17 April 2026	3204th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Cyprus (continued)
Tuesday 21 April 2026	3209th 3–6 p.m.	Uzbekistan
Wednesday 22 April 2026	3210th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Uzbekistan (continued)
Wednesday 22 April 2026	3211th 3–6 p.m.	Burkina Faso
Thursday 23 April 2026	3212th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Burkina Faso (continued)
Thursday 23 April 2026	3213th 3–6 p.m.	Cuba
Friday 24 April 2026	3214th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Cuba (continued)