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Annotations

1. 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 of any session is to be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session 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.

2. Organizational and other matters

The 116th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 November to 5 December 2025. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 November 2025.

The Committee will have before it its programme of work for the 116th session.

3. 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. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

4. 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 Burundi ([CERD/C/BDI/11-19](#)), Guatemala ([CERD/C/GTM/18-20](#)), Maldives ([CERD/C/MDV/13-15](#)), New Zealand ([CERD/C/NZL/23-24](#)), Sweden ([CERD/C/SWE/24-25](#)) and Tunisia ([CERD/C/TUN/20-22](#)). 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.

5. 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/116/2](#)). 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 closed.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Consideration of joint general recommendations No. 38 and No. 39 of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination/general comments No. 7 and No. 8 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on eradicating xenophobia towards migrants and others perceived as such

The Committee will continue its work, with the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, on drafting joint general recommendations No. 38 and No. 39 of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination/general comments No. 7 and No. 8 of the Committee on the Migrant Workers on eradicating xenophobia towards migrants and others perceived as such.

11. 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.

12. Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Convention

The Committee will commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention.

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 115th session.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Number and time of meeting</i>	<i>State Party</i>
Tuesday 18 November 2025	3169th 3–6 p.m.	Maldives
Wednesday 19 November 2025	3170th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Maldives (continued)
Wednesday 19 November 2025	3171st 3–6 p.m.	Guatemala
Thursday 20 November 2025	3172nd 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Guatemala (continued)
Thursday 20 November 2025	3173rd 3–6 p.m.	Sweden
Friday 21 November 2025	3174th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Sweden (continued)
Monday 24 November 2025	3177th 3–6 p.m.	Burundi
Tuesday 25 November 2025	3178th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Burundi (continued)
Tuesday 25 November 2025	3179th 3–6pm	New Zealand
Wednesday 26 November 2025	3180th 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	New Zealand (continued)
Wednesday 26 November 2025	3181st 3–6 p.m.	Tunisia
Thursday 27 November 2025	3182nd 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Tunisia (continued)