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of all Forms of
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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 19 February – 9 March 2007. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 February 2007.
2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.
3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 and to the annex which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.
4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Filling of casual vacancies.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational and other matters.
4. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
7. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
8. Follow-up procedure.
9. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Filling of casual vacancies

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, following the death of one member and the resignation of another member, the name of the two experts appointed by the concerned States parties from among their nationals to serve for the remainder of their predecessors' term will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when 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.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the seventieth session.

4. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. 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 it may decide 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. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under this item.

Furthermore, the Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of the situation in some States parties at short notice.

5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its seventieth session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Czech Republic, India, Israel, Liechtenstein and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Congo, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea and Togo^a.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and review of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable in the annex below.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its seventieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/70/2). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

7. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

8. Follow-up procedure

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item follow-up by States parties to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

9. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

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

Annex

**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS,
COMMENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY
STATES PARTIES AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF STATES
PARTIES WHOSE REPORTS ARE SERIOUSLY OVERDUE
PURSUANT TO THE REVIEW PROCEDURE**

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its sixty-ninth session.

Monday, 19 February 2007		
p.m.	Democratic Republic of Congo	(1789 th meeting) Eleventh to fifteenth periodic reports due from 1997 – 2005, submitted in one report (CERD/C/COD/15)
Tuesday, 20 February 2007		(1790 th and 1791 st meetings)
a.m.	Democratic Republic of Congo	(continued)
p.m.	Canada	Seventeenth and eighteenth periodic reports due from 2005, submitted in one report (CERD/C/CAN/18)
Wednesday, 21 February 2007		(1792 nd and 1793 rd meetings)
a.m.	Canada	(continued)
p.m.		Communications
Thursday, 22 February 2007		(1794 th and 1795 th meetings)
a.m.		Nicaragua ^a Congo ^a Papua New Guinea ^a Togo ^a
p.m.	Israel	Tenth to thirteenth periodic reports due 1998 - 2004, submitted in one report (CERD/C/471/Add.2)
Friday, 23 February 2007		(1796 th and 1797 th meetings)
a.m.	Israel	(continued)
p.m.	India	Fifteenth to nineteenth periodic reports due from 1998 - 2006, submitted in one report (CERD/C/IND/19)

Monday, 26 February 2007		(1798 th and 1799 th meetings)
a.m.	India	(continued)
p.m.	the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Fourth to seventh periodic reports due from 1998 - 2004, submitted in one report (CERD/C/MKD/7)
Tuesday, 27 February 2007		(1800 th and 1801 st meetings)
a.m.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	(continued)
p.m.	Liechtenstein	Second and third periodic reports due from 2003 - 2005, submitted in one report (CERD/C/LIE/4)
Wednesday, 28 February 2007		(1802 nd and 1803 rd meetings)
a.m.	Liechtenstein	(continued)
p.m.	Antigua and Barbuda	Initial to ninth periodic reports due from 1989 – 2005, submitted in one report (CERD/C/ATG/9)
Thursday, 1 March 2007		(1804 th and 1805 th meetings)
a.m.	Antigua and Barbuda	(continued)
p.m.	Czech Republic	Sixth and seventh periodic reports due 2006, submitted in one document (CERD/C/CZE/7)
Friday, 2 March 2007		(1806 th and 1807 th meetings)
a.m.	Czech Republic	(continued)
p.m.	Ethiopia ^a Follow-up procedure	
Monday, 5 March 2007		(1808 th and 1809 th meetings)
a.m.	Early warning and urgent action procedures	

Note

^a Review procedure (review of the implementation of the Convention in the absence of a report for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue. The review of the implementation of the Convention in Ethiopia and Congo will take place at the 70th session unless the overdue reports of these States parties are received by 31 December 2006).