



# International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

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## Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

### Forty-second session

Geneva, 28 May–12 June 2026

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### Annotations

#### 1. Opening of the session

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the forty-second session of the Committee.

#### 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 11 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure, each new member of the Committee elected at the twelfth meeting of States Parties to the Convention, held on 24 June 2025, will make the following solemn declaration before assuming his or her duties: “I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”



### 3. Election of officers, in accordance with rules 13 to 15 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with article 75 (2) of the Convention and rule 15 (1) of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. Pursuant to rules 13 and 14 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure, when there is only one candidate for election as one of its officers, the Committee may decide to elect that person by acclamation. When there are two or more candidates for election as one of its officers, or when the Committee otherwise decides to proceed with a ballot, the person who obtains a simple majority of the votes cast shall be elected. Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

### 4. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 5 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present annotated provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda will be the first item on the provisional agenda of any session, except where the election of officers is required pursuant to rule 13. In accordance with rule 7, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

### 5. Organizational matters

The forty-second session of the Committee will be held at Palais Wilson, from 28 May to 12 June 2026. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Thursday, 28 May, at 10 a.m.

The Committee will consider its programme of work and issues relevant to its business, including the dates of its future sessions. The programme of work will be made available on the web page of the Committee.<sup>1</sup>

### 6. Submission of reports by States Parties

During their thirty-fourth meeting, the Chairs of the treaty bodies decided that the simplified reporting procedure would become the default procedure for all Committees, with the possibility for States Parties to opt out; at their thirty-fifth meeting, the Chairs reaffirmed the decision, with a clarification that the simplified procedure applied to both initial and periodic reports. In accordance with those decisions, and based on its available human resources, the Committee will adopt lists of issues prior to reporting for the States Parties that have not opted out.

The submission of the initial and periodic reports by the following States Parties remains outstanding, being contingent upon the issuance of a list of issues prior to reporting:

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Initial/periodic report</i>	<i>Initial due date</i>
Argentina	Third	1 October 2024
Guatemala <sup>a</sup>	Third	1 May 2024
Guinea-Bissau	Initial	1 February 2020
Guyana <sup>a</sup>	Second	1 May 2023
Libya	Second	1 May 2024
Madagascar	Second	1 October 2023
Malawi	Initial	1 January 2024

<sup>1</sup> See [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Lang=en).

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Initial/periodic report</i>	<i>Initial due date</i>
Mozambique	Second	1 October 2023
Nicaragua	Second	1 October 2021
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines <sup>b</sup>	Combined initial and second	1 May 2019
Togo	Initial	1 April 2022
Zimbabwe	Initial	1 March 2026

<sup>a</sup> At its forty-second session, the Committee will have before it for adoption the list of issues prior to reporting.

<sup>b</sup> The State Party was reviewed in the absence of a report at the twenty-eighth session of the Committee. At the same session, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was requested to submit its combined initial and second periodic reports.

The Committee received the fourth periodic report of Ecuador on 26 January 2026, the second periodic report of Ghana on 3 March 2026 and the initial report of the Gambia on 19 March 2026.

As at 23 March 2026, the reports of the following States Parties were due but had not been received by the Committee for consideration:

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Initial/periodic report</i>	<i>Initial due date</i>	<i>Deadline for submission of the replies to the list of issues prior to reporting</i>
Algeria <sup>a</sup>	Third	1 May 2023	
Bangladesh <sup>b</sup>	Second	1 May 2022	
Belize <sup>c</sup>	Combined initial to third	5 September 2016	1 November 2020
Guinea <sup>d</sup>	Second	9 September 2020	12 January 2026
Mali <sup>e</sup>	Third	1 May 2019	31 July 2025
Sri Lanka <sup>f</sup>	Third	1 October 2021	
Timor-Leste <sup>g</sup>	Second	9 September 2020	31 July 2025

<sup>a</sup> On 31 March 2023, the State Party opted out of the simplified reporting procedure, and will submit its report under the traditional procedure.

<sup>b</sup> On 28 March 2023, the State Party opted out of the simplified reporting procedure, and will submit its report under the traditional procedure.

<sup>c</sup> The State Party was reviewed in the absence of a report at the twenty-first session of the Committee. At the same session, Belize was requested to submit its combined initial to third periodic reports. A list of issues prior to reporting (CMW/C/BLZ/QPR/1-3) was adopted by the Committee at its thirty-first session.

<sup>d</sup> The list of issues prior to reporting (CMW/C/GIN/QPR/2) was adopted by the Committee at its fortieth session.

<sup>e</sup> The list of issues prior to reporting (CMW/C/MLI/QPR/3) was adopted by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session.

<sup>f</sup> On 16 May 2023, the State Party opted out of the simplified reporting procedure, and will submit its report under the traditional procedure.

<sup>g</sup> The list of issues prior to reporting (CMW/C/TLS/QPR/2) was adopted by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session.

**7. Consideration of reports submitted by States Parties under article 73 of the Convention**

At its forty-second session, the Committee will consider the fourth periodic report of Ecuador (CMW/C/ECU/4), the second periodic report of Ghana (CMW/C/GHA/2) and the initial report of the Gambia (CMW/C/GMB/1). It will adopt concluding observations on the reports.

The Secretary-General has informed the States Parties concerned of the dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee, in accordance with its provisional programme of work.

At its fourteenth session, the Committee established a simplified reporting procedure, which consists in the preparation and adoption of a list of issues and the transmittal thereof to the State Party concerned prior to the submission of its report. The replies of the State Party to the list of issues constitute its report under article 73 (1) of the Convention. In order to support an increased use of the simplified reporting procedure by States Parties, the Committee decided, at its thirty-fourth session, that the procedure would be implemented on an opt-out basis, rather than an opt-in basis, whereby the simplified reporting procedure under rule 33 (2) of its rules of procedure is henceforth the default procedure and the traditional reporting procedure the exception. The Committee will therefore adopt a list of issues prior to reporting for any State Party to the Convention that has not explicitly requested use of the traditional reporting procedure, after States Parties have been duly informed of the decision taken by the Committee. At its forty-second session, the Committee will adopt lists of issues prior to reporting in respect of Guatemala and Guyana, and a list of issues in relation to the second periodic report of Lesotho. It will also assess the follow-up report of Burkina Faso concerning the priority recommendations of the Committee's concluding observations on its second periodic report and will adopt the evaluation report thereon for the State Party.

**8. Methods of work of the Committee**

The Committee will continue to discuss its methods of work, the harmonization of the treaty bodies' working methods, and other issues arising from General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system and from subsequent General Assembly resolutions on the human rights treaty body system.

**9. Promotion of the Convention**

The Committee will discuss its involvement in and support for various events and initiatives in promotion of the Convention, including meetings with stakeholders, days of general discussion and the preparation of general comments.

**10. Adoption of the annual report**

In accordance with article 74 (7) of the Convention, the Committee submits an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Convention.

The Committee will have before it for adoption a report on its forty-first and forty-second sessions.

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