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the Elimination
of all Forms of
Racial Discrimination**

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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
Sixty-fourth session
Geneva, 23 February-12 March 2004

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 23 February-12 March 2004. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 23 February 2004.
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.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
2. Election of officers, according to rule 15 of the rules of procedure.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organizational and other matters.
5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.
6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.
7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.
9. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 14 January 2004, 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 officers

In accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

3. 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.

4. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the sixty-fourth session. It will also hold a thematic discussion on Non-citizens and Racial Discrimination. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing its working methods.

5. 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.

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

At its sixty-fourth session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Bahamas, Brazil, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, Spain, Suriname, Sweden and the Netherlands. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Barbados, Guyana, Madagascar, Nigeria, Saint Lucia, Tanzania and Venezuela.

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 below.

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

At its sixty-fourth 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/457). 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.

8. 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.

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 sixth session.

Monday, 23 February 2004		(1614th meeting)
p.m.	Suriname	Initial to tenth periodic reports due from 1985 to 2003, submitted in one document (CERD/C/446/Add.1)
Tuesday, 24 February 2004		(1615th and 1616th meetings)
a.m.	Suriname	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Spain	Sixteenth and seventeenth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/431/Add.7)
Wednesday, 25 February 2004		(1617th and 1618th meetings)
a.m.	Spain	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Brazil	Fourteenth to seventeenth periodic reports due from 1996 to 2002, submitted in one document CERD/C/431/Add.8
Thursday, 26 February 2004		(1619th and 1620th meetings)
a.m.	Brazil	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Bahamas	Fifth to fourteenth periodic reports due from 1984 to 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/428/Add.1)

Friday, 27 February 2004		(1621st and 1622nd meetings)
a.m.	Bahamas	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Communications	
Monday, 1 March 2004		(1623rd and 1624th meetings)
a.m.	Guyana ^a Nigeria ^a Saint Lucia ^a Barbados ^a Madagascar ^a Tanzania ^a	
	Communications	
p.m.	Thematic discussion	
Tuesday, 2 March 2004		(1625th and 1626th meetings)
a.m.	Thematic discussion	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Fifteenth to seventeenth periodic reports due from 1998 to 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/431/Add.5)
Wednesday, 3 March 2004		(1627th and 1628th meetings)
a.m.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	(<i>continued</i>)
p.m.	Lebanon	Fourteenth to sixteenth periodic reports due from 1998 to 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/383/Add.2)

Thursday, 4 March 2004		(1629th and 1630th meetings)
a.m.	Lebanon	<i>(continued)</i>
p.m.	Nepal	Fifteenth and sixteenth periodic reports due in 2000 and 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/C/452/Add.2)
Friday, 5 March 2004		(1631st and 1632nd meetings)
a.m.	Nepal	<i>(continued)</i>
p.m.	Sweden	Fifteenth and sixteenth periodic reports due in 2001 and 2003, submitted in one document (CERD/C/452/Add.4)
Monday, 8 March 2004		(1633rd and 1634th meetings)
a.m.	Sweden Venezuela ^a	<i>(continued)</i>
p.m.	The Netherlands	Fifteenth and sixteenth periodic reports due in 2001 and 2003, submitted in one document (CERD/C/452/Add.3)
Tuesday, 9 March 2004		(1635th and 1636th meetings)
a.m.	The Netherlands	<i>(continued)</i>

Note

^a Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).
