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#### 106th session

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Provisional agenda and annotations

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The 106th session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 October to 2 November 2012. The first meeting will be convened (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room) on Monday 15 October at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the 106th session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to items 6, and 7 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 106th session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. As established under rule 95 of its rules of procedure, a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to its 106th session. The pre-sessional working group will meet from 8 to 12 October 2012.

## **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-session working group on individual communications.
4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations.
5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
7. Consideration of a country situation in the absence of a report, pursuant to rule 70 of the Committee's rules of procedure.
8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports.
9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol.
10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

## **Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative**

The High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative will open the 106th session of the Committee.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

### **3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-session working group on individual communications**

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business. It will also hold a half-day general discussion in preparation for a General Comment on article 9 (liberty and security of person) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

### **4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations**

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The following meetings have accordingly been scheduled: for specialized agencies on 15 October from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; for NHRIs and NGOs on the Philippines, Turkey and Germany on 15 October from 11.30 to 1 pm; for NHRIs and NGOs on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal and Côte d'Ivoire on 22 October from 11.30 to 1 p.m.

## 5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant, reference is made to chapter III and annexes III and IV of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly for 2011 (A/66/40, vol. I).

## 6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 106th session are those of Philippines, Turkey, Portugal, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Germany.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the 106th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

### Timetable for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

Philippines	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/PHL/4)	Monday, 15 October, p.m. Tuesday, 16 October, a.m.
Turkey	Initial report (CCPR/C/TUR/1)	Wednesday, 17 October, a.m. and p.m. Thursday, 18 October, a.m.
Germany	Sixth periodic report (CCPR/C/DEU/6)	Thursday, 18 October, p.m., Friday, 19 October, a.m.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/BIH/2)	Monday, 22 October, p.m., Tuesday, 23 October, a.m.
Portugal	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/PRT/4)	Tuesday, 23 July, p.m., Wednesday, 24 July, a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 106th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of China-Hong Kong, Ukraine, Finland, Albania and Belize (in the absence of a report).

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues prior to reporting on Australia.

## 7. Consideration of a country situation in the absence of a report, pursuant to rule 70 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

The Committee will also consider the situation of civil and political rights protected under the Covenant in Cote d'Ivoire in the absence of a report on Wednesday, 24 October, 3 pm.

## 8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports

At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions governing the procedure for following up on concluding observations. The Special Rapporteur will provide a progress report on her activities during the 106th session.

**9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol**

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on his activities.

**10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant**

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 330 communications are pending before the Committee as of 1 August 2012. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

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