HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
129th session (29 June to 24 July 2020)

NHRI INFORMATION NOTE

Human Rights Committee Members

The Human Rights Committee (hereinafter ‘the HRCtte’) consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all HRCtte members, see: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Membership.aspx

States parties to be examined

Due to COVID-19, the examination of the States parties’ reports (constructive dialogues) have been postponed to the 130th and future sessions.

Adoption of List of Issues/LOIPR

The HRCtte will adopt list of issues on the following eight States parties: Armenia (3rd), Cambodia (3rd), China- Hong Kong (4th), China - Macao (2nd), Iraq (6th), Panama (4th), Qatar (initial) and Russian Federation (8th).

List of issues prior to reporting will be adopted on Burundi (3rd), The Congo (3rd), Gabon (3rd), Guyana (3rd), Indonesia (2nd) and Iran (4th).

Documentation

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/129/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted on the OHCHR website at: https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1374&Lang=en

Adoption of List of Issues and List of Issues Prior to Reporting

The HRCtte will adopt Lists of Issues to be transmitted to States parties. States parties are in turn expected to submit replies to the List of Issues. Both the List of Issues and Replies will be posted on the HRCtte webpage.

For States that have opted for the Simplified Reporting Procedure (SRP), List of Issues prior to reporting will be adopted by the Committee before the submission of a report. The States replies are considered its report for the purposes of article 40 of the ICCPR (http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/SimplifiedReportingProcedure.aspx).

Follow-up report to concluding observations

The HRCtte considers a report on information received and activities undertaken in the context of follow-up to concluding observations at each session. NHRI reports may provide information on follow-up, in particular relating to follow-up reports received by States parties, to the Secretariat, which may be posted on the web, following each session.

NHRI reports for the HRCtte at its sessions

The HRCtte welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible, from international, regional, national and local organizations. NHRI reports which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the Government concerned, are especially welcome.

All submissions to the HRCtte should be:

1. Submitted to the HRCtte Secretariat in Geneva, in English, French or Spanish. As most HRCtte members use English as their working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English. Please note that the UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NHRI.

2. The deadline for information with respect to States upon which list of issues/ list of issues prior to reporting will be adopted is 4 May 2020.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 1 June 2020.

3. Submissions should be limited to a maximum of 10,000 words (approx. 15 pages) and provided in electronic form ONLY. Please DO NOT SEND HARDCOPIES.

These deadlines allow the Country Taskforces and other members of the HRCtte time to read the reports before the session. For this reason the reports must be provided on time.
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT REPORTS THAT ARRIVE OUTSIDE THE DEADLINE.

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