

**COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(CERD)**

102nd session (16- 24 November 2020)

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**INFORMATION NOTE
NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)**

States parties reports

The examination of the nine States parties' reports **Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Senegal and Switzerland** scheduled at its 102nd session **has been postponed to the future sessions.**

CERD Committee Members

The CERD Committee consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all CERD members, see:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/Membership.aspx>

Decision of the Committee

At its seventy-seventh session, on the 3 August 2010, the Committee held an informal meeting with representatives of non-governmental organizations to discuss ways and means of strengthening cooperation. The Committee decided to have *informal meetings* with non-governmental organizations, at the beginning of each week of its sessions when States parties' reports are being discussed (Annual Report, see A/65/18, para.87). The Committee welcomes representatives of national and international NGOs to provide

country-specific information on States parties whose reports are before the Committee.

Documentation

The reports of the nine States parties scheduled to be considered at the 102nd session, the provisional agenda (CERD/C/102/1) and other documents pertaining to the session will be posted shortly on our [web page](#). **At the 102nd, no reviews of States parties' reports will take place.**

Venue

The 102nd session of the Committee will take place Online.

NGO reports for the Committee at its sessions

The Committee welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible from international, regional, national and local organizations. NGO "alternative reports" which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the Government concerned, are especially welcome. NGO reports prepared by coalitions, rather than individual NGOs, are also encouraged. Due to

the postponement of the consideration of States parties' reports, NGO submissions are postponed. However, submissions under the Early warning and urgent procedure and the Follow-up procedure as well as for the adoption of the List of issues prior to reporting on Guyana, are welcome.

List of issues prior to reporting

At the 102nd session, CERD will adopt a list of issues prior to reporting on Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Tunisia.

All submissions to CERD should:

1. Be submitted in English, French or Spanish. As most Committee members use English as their preferred working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English, an executive summary can be provided in English, instead. Please note that **the UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NGOs.**
2. Be transmitted to the CERD Secretariat electronically on **CERD@ohchr.org** the requests under **Early Warning Urgent Action Procedures (EWUAP)** should be submitted before **26 October 2020**. The reports relating to the **Follow-up**

assessment to concluding observations should be submitted by **26 October 2020**. Reports for the adoption of the **List of issues prior to reporting on Guyana, Monaco and Tunisia** should also be submitted by **30 October 2020**.

CERD will assess follow-up reports received from the following States parties: **Cuba, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro and Republic of Korea.**

3. Hard copies not needed.