

QUESTIONS PUT BY THE RAPPORTEUR

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMBINED 15TH
AND 16TH PERIODIC REPORTS OF YEMEN**

(CERD/C/YEMEN/16)

Composition of the population

1. Please provide detailed updated data regarding the composition of the population including its various ethnic groups, their socio-economic status and their participation in public life. Please also reflect a gender perspective (previous concluding observations, para.459).

Status of the Convention in domestic law

2. Please provide examples of court cases where the Convention has been invoked and prevailed over domestic legislation. (State report, para.53).

Article 2

3. Please provide detailed information on the implementation of the policies adopted by the State party in line with the principles enshrined in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (previous concluding observations, para.467 and State report, para.141).
4. Has the State party incorporated in its domestic legislation an explicit provision prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race and national origin in conformity with article 2.1(d) of the Convention (previous concluding observations, para.458)?

5. Please indicate whether the State party has adopted special measures in favour of marginalized groups, namely descent-based groups and communities particularly women and children. (General Recommendation No.29: article 1.1 on descent, 1/11/2002, para.6).
6. Please elaborate on the results of the committees set up by the State party to examine the compatibility of domestic legislation with international conventions in the field of racial discrimination in areas affecting women (State report, para.142).
7. Please indicate whether the Ministry's Annual Human Rights Report includes a reference to the human rights situation of ethnic minority groups, in particular the Al-Akhdam community (State report, para.60).
8. Please indicate whether the State party envisages establishing an independent human rights institution in conformity with the Paris principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles, General Assembly resolution 48/134, annex)?

Article 4

9. Please indicate whether the State party envisages adopting an explicit penal provision prohibiting the dissemination and promotion of racial discrimination and violence in line with article 4 (a) of the Convention (previous concluding observations, para.461).

Article 5

10. According to the report, members of 'marginalized groups' are Yemeni citizens who enjoy their full rights and freedoms (State report, paras. 158 and 159). Please specify the characteristics of these groups and provide examples on how their rights are being implemented.

11. According to some information, the State party legislation does not provide for the granting of refugee status or asylum in accordance with the UN 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 protocol. Please explain in this connection the role of the Committee for Refugees established pursuant to Cabinet Decision No. 64 of 2000 (State report, para.198).
12. Please provide information on recent developments towards the establishment of six permanent registration centres for refugees (State report, para.93).
13. Please indicate whether the State party has taken the necessary steps to ensure equal access to justice for all members of descent-based communities, including through legal aid. If so, please provide concrete examples.
14. Please provide statistical data, if any, on the number and origin of victims of trafficking, as well as information on the assistance provided to them.
15. Please indicate whether the State party has amended its legislation to ensure the right of non-citizens, including non-Muslims and children of mixed couples, to acquire nationality on a non-discriminatory basis (previous concluding observations, para.464).
16. It is reported that public health services, social security and other basic social principles have been unavailable to the Al-Akhdam ethnic minority group. Please comment.
17. Please report on the effectiveness of the Adult Literacy and Adult Education Act designed to eradicate illiteracy among population of the various ethnic groups in particular women (State report, para.13).

18. Does the State party envisage withdrawing the reservation made to article 5 of the Convention? If not, please explain the reasons. (previous concluding observations, para.462)

19. Does the State party envisage the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families?

Article 6

20. Please provide concrete examples on the number and nature of cases brought before the courts, if any, relating to racial discrimination (previous concluding observations, para.465).

21. Please provide information on the cases of alleged racial/ethnic discrimination presented to the Ministry of Human Rights and their outcome (State report, para.73).

Article 7

22. Please provide further information on awareness raising training programmes and courses for members of the judiciary, law enforcement officers, teachers, social workers and other public officials. Please also indicate whether the curricula of those seminars included training on the provisions of the Convention and its application (previous concluding observations, para.466 and State report, para.376).

23. Please indicate whether the report has been made available to civil society before it was submitted to the Committee. If so, were any comments received and further incorporated in the report?

Article 14

24. Please indicate if the State party is planning to make the necessary declaration under Article 14 of the Convention for the Committee to receive individual complaints.

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