The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Guidelines on the Independence and Impartiality of Members

*Pursuant* to the decision adopted at its 51st Session to elaborate guidelines on the independence and impartiality of its members. Building on its rules of procedure and practice, and in the spirit of the Addis Ababa guidelines,

*Taking note* of UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/268 and acting in light of its recommendations,

*Decides* as follows:

1. A member holding the nationality of one or more State party in addition to that of the nominating State party, shall inform the Committee, through the Chairperson, of his or her dual or multiple national affiliations at the earliest opportunity.
2. A member shall not be present during any non-public meetings, deliberations, consultations, or briefings related to the dialogue (including at a pre-sessional working group) on the report of a State party of which s/he is a national. The member may be present as an observer at public meetings relating to the dialogue but shall not participate or influence in any way the preparation, course or outcome of the dialogue.
3. A member shall not, without prior consent of the Committee, solicit or accept an invitation from a State party for a familiarization visit in connection with its report to the Committee.
4. A member shall not serve as a paid consultant/adviser to any State party, or any other interested party, in connection with the preparation or consideration of a State party’s report or communication under the Optional Protocol to the Committee.
5. When a member participates in an individual capacity in any other human rights activities of other bodies, such as panels, training courses and academic seminars, s/he shall make it clear that the views expressed by him or her are his or her own and not those of the Committee, unless s/he has been expressly mandated by the Committee.
6. If for any reason, a member considers that s/he could be facing a potential conflict of interest in any matter concerning the Committee, s/he shall inform the chairperson, who may, if necessary, consult the Committee on appropriate measures to safeguard the requirements of independence and impartiality.

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