



COMMITTEE ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES  
CED  
9<sup>th</sup> session (7 – 18 September 2015)  
Geneva

NHRI INFORMATION NOTE

**Committee Members**

CED consists of 10 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all CED members, see:

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

**Venue of the session**

The 9<sup>th</sup> session of CED will take place in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XII.

**States parties to be examined**

CED will examine the reports and country situations in the following States parties during its 9<sup>th</sup> session: **Iraq and Montenegro**.

**Adoption of lists of issues**

CED will also adopt lists of issues on the following States parties: **Kazakhstan, Tunisia and Burkina Faso**.

**Documentation**

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CED/C/9/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted at the following link:

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=973&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=973&Lang=en)

**Adoption of concluding observations and other documents**

Following the consideration of the States parties' reports during the 9<sup>th</sup> session, CED will, in a closed meeting, adopt concluding observations that will assist the States parties concerned in the implementation of the Convention. These concluding observations outline positive aspects, principal subjects of concern and the Committee's recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the States parties.

Once the concluding observations have been adopted, the documents will be posted on the CED webpage under the relevant session.

CED will also adopt lists of issues to be transmitted to States parties. Both the lists of issues and the States parties' replies will be posted on the CED webpage under the relevant session.

**Follow-up to concluding observations**

During its 9<sup>th</sup> session, CED will also consider a report on information received and activities undertaken in the context of follow-up to concluding observations. States parties expected to submit follow-up reports before the Committee's 9<sup>th</sup> session are: **Argentina, Germany, Spain and The Netherlands**. When received, these reports will be posted on the Committee's webpage:

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/FollowUp.aspx?Lang=en&TreatyID=2](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/FollowUp.aspx?Lang=en&TreatyID=2)

NHRIs may provide information on follow-up reports received from these States parties **before 12 June 2015**

**NHRI reports for CED at its sessions**

CED welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible, from NHRIs. NHRI reports which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the State party concerned are especially welcome.

All submissions to CED should be:

1. Submitted in English, French or Spanish. As most CED 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 NHRIs**.

- Transmitted to the CED Secretariat in Geneva **before 12 June 2015 with respect to States upon which lists of issues will be adopted. The deadline for information on States parties to be examined by the Committee is 14 August 2015.** All documents must be submitted in electronic form to [ced@ohchr.org](mailto:ced@ohchr.org) stating clearly in the subject of the email the country the submission refer to and the session number. These deadlines allow the country rapporteurs and other members of CED time to read the reports before the relevant session.

**OHCHR does not reproduce NHRI documents.** Therefore, NHRIs attending a session may wish to bring 15 hard copies of their documents for distribution at the meeting. Those not attending a session may wish to ensure that 15 hard copies of their documents reach the Secretariat of the Committee in time for the respective session, i.e. at least two weeks in advance.

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#### Accreditation

NHRI representatives who wish to attend the session are requested to fill in the attached form and submit it to Ms. Mounia Atiki ([ced@ohchr.org](mailto:ced@ohchr.org)) **before 28 August 2015** so that arrangements can be made with the Accreditation Office for the issuance of the United Nations ground passes to enter United Nations premises. To claim for the ground pass all applicants are required to appear in person at the United Nations Pass and Identifications Unit located at the Palais des

Nations, Pregny Gate, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10. A valid national passport or government issued ID bearing a photograph will be required when collecting the ground pass. UN Pregny Gate office hours are 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. NHRI representatives must bring their passports or identification cards every time they wish to enter UN premises.

#### Informal meetings and lunchtime briefings

NHRI representatives are welcome to attend public meetings of CED as observers, but will not be given the opportunity to address CED during its meetings with the States parties' delegations. Nevertheless, NHRI representatives have the possibility of addressing the Committee in formal private sessions (closed meetings) with interpretation. These meetings are set out in the programme of work (see session webpage) and normally take place a day or two before the consideration of the State party concerned.

Informal briefings (without interpretation) may also be organized between NHRIs representatives and members of CED on the day prior to (or the day of) the examination. To find out the schedule of formal and informal meetings you may contact the Secretariat.

There will be a designated room for these briefings.

Please contact CED Secretariat ([mgbianchi@ohchr.org](mailto:mgbianchi@ohchr.org) and [ced@ohchr.org](mailto:ced@ohchr.org)) **before 7 August 2015** to confirm attendance at a formal briefing and/or informal briefing with the members.

#### Further information

For more information on how NHRIs can participate in the reporting process, please consult the following link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/NHRI.aspx>

You can also contact the CED Secretariat at the abovementioned contacts and/or Ms. Liza Sekaggya, National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, FOTCD, OHCHR, at [lsekaggya@ohchr.org](mailto:lsekaggya@ohchr.org); and/or Ms. Katharina Rose, International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, at [k.rose.icc@gmail.com](mailto:k.rose.icc@gmail.com).



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