

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(CERD)

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**INFORMATION NOTE
FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRIs)**

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 details about all CERD members, see:

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

Participation of NHRIs

The Committee examines all initial and periodic reports in public meetings, which NHRIs representatives can attend. The Committee recognizes the important role that NHRIs play in combating racism and racial discrimination. In its General Recommendation 28, paragraph 2 (a), the Committee recommended that NHRIs assist their respective States to comply with their reporting obligations and closely monitor the follow-up to the

concluding observations and recommendations of the Committee.

Furthermore, according to the Committee's practice, NHRIs accredited with an "A" status by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institution (GANHRI), with the consent of the concerned State party, can address the Committee in plenary on issues related to the dialogue between the Committee and a State party, on the first day of the consideration of the report after the statements made by the delegation and the country Rapporteur.

Documentation

The reports of the nine States parties scheduled at the 102nd session, the provisional agenda (CERD/C/102/1) and other documents pertaining to the session will be available soon at 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 **in Geneva.**

NHRIs reports

The Committee welcomes written information submitted by NHRIs in relation to the implementation of the Convention by States parties whose reports are to be considered. Due to the postponement of the consideration of States parties' reports, submissions from NHRIs for reviews are also postponed. However, submissions under the Early warning and urgent action procedure and under 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 in English

can be provided instead. Please note that the **UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NHRIs.**

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.