



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (CCPR)
137th session (27 February to 24 March 2023)
Palais Wilson, Geneva

NGO INFORMATION NOTE

Human Rights Committee Members

The Human Rights Committee (hereinafter ‘the Committee’) consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all Committee members, see:

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

States parties to be examined

The Committee will examine the report and country situation of **Egypt (4th), Panama (4th), Peru (6th); Sri Lanka (6th), Turkmenistan (3rd); and Zambia (4th).**

List of Issues and list of issues prior to reporting

List of issues will be adopted on **Namibia (3rd), Serbia (4th); and Syrian Arab Republic (4th).**

List of issues prior to reporting will be adopted on **Kazakhstan (3rd).**

Documentation

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/137/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted on the **137th session webpage of the Committee:** https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2630&Lang=en.

Adoption of Concluding observations, List of Issues and List of issues prior to reporting

Following the consideration of the States parties’ reports during the 137th session, the Committee will, in a closed meeting, adopt concluding observations that will assist the States parties concerned in the implementation of the Covenant. 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 Committee’s webpage under the relevant session.

The Committee will adopt List of Issues to be transmitted to States parties. States parties are in turn expected to submit replies to the List of Issues. Both the List of Issues and Replies will be posted on the Committee webpage.

For States that have opted for the Simplified Reporting Procedure (SRP), List of Issues prior to reporting will be adopted by the Committee before the submission of a report. The States replies are considered its report for the purposes of article 40 of the ICCPR (<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/SimplifiedReportingProcedure.aspx>).

Follow-up report to concluding observations

The Committee considers a report on information received and activities undertaken in the context of follow-up to concluding observations at each session.

For this session, the Committee will consider **Belarus, Estonia, The Netherlands (and Aruba) and Tajikistan.**

NGOs may provide information on follow-up, in particular relating to follow-up reports received by States parties, to the Secretariat, which may be posted on the web.

CSO written contributions

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. The information/report must identify the submitting NGO, as anonymous information is not accepted, and be drafted in non-abusive language. The information must be relevant to the Committee’s mandate and the examination of the State party’s report. The information should not contain names of victims except if related to public cases or if the consent of the victims or their families is obtained.

All submissions to the Committee should be:

1. Submitted to the Committee Secretariat in Geneva, in English, French or Spanish. As most Committee 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 NGOs.**
2. The deadline for information with respect to States upon which **List of Issues and list of issues prior to reporting will be adopted is 3 JANUARY 2023.**
3. The deadline for information on State parties **to be examined by the Committee is 30 JANUARY 2023.**
4. The deadline for information on States that are going to be considered under the **Follow-up procedure is 9 DECEMBER 2022.**
5. **Submissions should be** limited to a maximum of 10,000 words and **provided** in electronic form ONLY. **Please DO NOT SEND HARDCOPIES.**

These deadlines allow the Country Taskforces and other members of the Committee time to read the reports before the session. For this reason the reports must be provided on time. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT REPORTS THAT ARRIVE OUTSIDE THE DEADLINE.**

OHCHR does not reproduce NGO documents.

Formal and Informal briefings

NGO representatives are welcome to attend public meetings of the Committee as observers but will not be given the opportunity to address the Committee during its meetings with the State delegation. Nevertheless, NGO 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).

Informal (without interpretation) briefings may also be organized with NGOs (and NHRIs) with members of the Committee.

To register for the Formal and/or Informal briefings, kindly contact the **CCPR Centre, (Email: info@ccprcentre.org / website: www.ccprcentre.org)** – an NGO, which coordinates NGO participation and collaboration with the Committee and the **Secretariat (cherry.balmaceda@un.org and ohchr-ccpr@un.org)**

The registration deadline is **10 FEBRUARY 2023.** Only the NGOs/NHRIs who have confirmed their attendance within the deadline and provided reports will be allowed to take the floor.

Further information

For more information on how NGOs can participate in the reporting process, please consult the NGO Guidelines available on the ICCPR Centre website: **www.ccprcentre.org.**

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