

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORK OF THE CERD FOLLOW UP
COORDINATOR**

Introduction

Pursuant to Article 9(1)(b) of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and rule 65, para. 1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination may make a request for an additional report or for further information from a State party. It may indicate both the manner and time within which such information should be received. At its 64th session, the Committee decided to amend its rules of procedure relevant to follow-up activities in adopting a second paragraph to rule 65. The paragraph provides for the appointment of a coordinator in order to further the implementation of rule 65, para.1. At its 65th session, the Committee appointed a coordinator and an alternate.

The mandate of the coordinator took effect as from the 64th session of the Committee held in March 2004.

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1. The coordinator is mandated to monitor the follow-up by States parties on the observations and recommendations of the Committee, cooperating with the respective country rapporteur.
2. The Committee may ask the State party to submit information at a specified time before the next reporting session of the State concerned. The coordinator will be responsible for monitoring respect by the State party for deadlines set by the Committee. The coordinator will be responsible for sending reminders (within a month of expiry of the deadline) to a State party when it has not supplied the additional information on time.
3. The coordinator will analyse and assess the information received from the State party pursuant to a request by the Committee for further information. This task should be shared with the country rapporteur. If the coordinator finds that further information is needed, the coordinator will take the matter up with the State party.
4. The coordinator may make recommendations for appropriate action to the Committee when information as mentioned in para. 2 is received and in the case of non-receipt of such information. The coordinator may, *inter alia*, recommend that the Committee take note of the information, request further information in the next periodic report or remind the State Party of recommendations included in the last

concluding observations of the Committee and their obligations as parties to the ICERD. The meeting is held in private.

5. The coordinator shall submit a succinct progress report to the Committee at each session. The Committee should set aside sufficient time for discussion of the coordinator's findings and the adoption of formal recommendations, if any, including, where appropriate, reconsideration of the date on which the next periodic report of the State party is due. The meeting is held in private.

6. The coordinator's findings will be included in the chapter of the annual report on follow-up activities. If no information is received in spite of reminders, this will be recorded in the Committee's subsequent report to the General Assembly.