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**Review of reports, comments and information submitted
by States parties under article 9 of the Convention****List of themes in relation to the twenty-fifth periodic report
of Cyprus*****Note by the Country Rapporteur**

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its sixty-sixth session (see A/65/18, par. 85) that the Country Rapporteur would send the State Party a short list of topics in order to guide and focus the dialogue between the State Party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State Party's report. This document contains a list of these themes. This is not an exhaustive list; Other issues may also arise during the dialogue. No written response is required.

**The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and political framework for its
implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)**

2. Up-to-date demographic data on the ethnic composition of the population. Information on the enjoyment of economic and social rights by ethnic groups, and on the representation of ethnic minorities in public administration and services¹.
3. Information on the measures taken to bring the definition of racial discrimination in national legislation² into full conformity with that contained in article 1 (1) of the Convention.
4. Updated information on measures taken, and their impact,³ to strengthen the legal framework on racial discrimination.
5. Detailed information on cases in which legislation giving effect to the provisions of the Convention has been applied by the courts of the country, including updated data on the

* The present report was submitted to the conference services for processing after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.

¹ CERD/C/CYP/CO/23-24 par. 8 “Le Comité constate que les données relatives à la composition ethnique de la population ont été fournies par le Bureau national de statistique de l’État partie en 2011. Il regrette de ne pas avoir reçu de données démographiques actuelles, ni de données complètes sur l’exercice par les groupes ethniques de leurs droits économiques et sociaux et la participation des minorités ethniques à la vie politique et publique (art. 1 et 5). »

² CERD/C/CYP/25 par 10 “Cyprus incorporated in the national legal order a number of international and EU binding instruments and has amended and introduced legislation in order to effectively eliminate racism”

³ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 11-32

number of complaints received of racial discrimination, prosecutions of perpetrators, and convictions⁴.

6. Updated information on the impact of policies and measures to implement the provisions of article 4 of the Convention and detailed information on acts of verbal violence and racist physical aggression committed against persons of foreign origin, including persons of African descent, human rights defenders and Turkish Cypriots, committed by extremist groups, including by right-wing activists and neo-Nazi groups.

7. Measures taken⁵ to combat racist and xenophobic speech as well as information on cases reported, prosecutions and convictions of perpetrators.

8. Information on eventual creation and subsequent implementation of a national plan to combat racism, as well as implantation of relevant legislation.

9. Measures taken to implement the recommendations made by the Committee and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions to bring the national human rights institution of Cyprus into full compliance with the Principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles).⁶

10. Up-to-date and detailed information on training opportunities and workshops on human rights, the prevention⁷ of racial discrimination and the rights enshrined in the Convention, organized for representatives of public bodies, local government departments and associations, as well as law enforcement officials, judges and lawyers, and the impact of such training on the situation of minorities.

Situation of ethnic minorities (arts. 2 and 5)

11. Information on inter-communal initiatives to promote tolerance, harmony and dialogue between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, and to raise awareness of the country's history through impartial education in schools and other public institutions. Updated information on efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement of the ongoing conflict in Cyprus and the division of the island, as well as expanded freedom of movement.⁸

12. Updated information on the situation of Turkish Cypriots, including access to employment, education⁹ and housing, the use of the Turkish language, and obtaining citizenship.

13. Updated information on whether the Roma community is discriminated against in terms of access to education, employment and decent living conditions, as well as on acts of racist attacks against members of the Roma community, including by law enforcement officers.¹⁰

Situation of non-citizens, including stateless persons, migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers (arts. 5 and 7)

14. Updated statistical data on the number of stateless persons¹¹, migrants¹², refugees¹³ and asylum-seekers¹⁴ in the State Party, and on applications and decisions for naturalization disaggregated by ethnic group, sex and length of stay in the State Party.

15. Updated information on the revisions to the National Action Plan for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals Legally Residing in Cyprus, as well as information on how the Committee's recommendations have been taken into account, including pertaining to the

⁴ CERD/C/CYP/25 Annex B - C

⁵ CERD/C/CYP/25 par.87

⁶ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 39-40

⁷ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 54-55

⁸ HRI/CORE/CYP/2018 par. 47-50

⁹ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 58

¹⁰ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 55-60

¹¹ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 23

¹² CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 123

¹³ CERD/C/CYP/25 par.22

¹⁴ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 96-99

action plan developed for the years 2019–2022 on the education of pupils with migrant background in Cyprus.

16. Information on the situation of permanent residents¹⁵ from non-European countries, including non-discriminatory access to housing, education, health care and basic services.

17. Information on measures taken, and their impact, to end the prolonged detention of asylum-seekers and irregular migrants and on the use of alternatives to detention, as well as updated information on living conditions in detention centres¹⁶, including the alleged separation of migrant mothers from their children.

18. Information on measures taken, and their impact, to ensure protection against refoulement.¹⁷

19. Information on initiatives to protect victims and put an end to trafficking¹⁸ in human beings in the State Party, including in the areas of the State Party not under its effective control.

¹⁵ CERD/C/CYP/25 par.47 ; par.50

¹⁶ HRI/CORE/CYP/2018 ; par. 115-116

¹⁷ CERD/C/CYP/25 par. 22

¹⁸ CERD/C/CYP/25 par.16 – par.26