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**Human Rights Committee**

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner will open the 119th session of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the Covenant on 23 June 2016 will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously”.

3. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 39, paragraph 1, of the Covenant and rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice‑Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years (rule 18 of the rules of procedure). Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 17. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

5. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the working group on individual communications

The 119th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 6 to 29 March 2017. The first meeting will be convened at Palais Wilson, in the ground floor conference room, on Monday, 6 March, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or its Optional Protocols that the meetings should be held in private.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee’s business.

6. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations based in Geneva. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies on 6 March from 10.30 to 11 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Bangladesh, Serbia, Turkmenistan and Italy, and on 13 March from 12.30 to 1 p.m. on Thailand and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 119th session are those of Bangladesh, Serbia, Turkmenistan, Italy, Thailand and Bosnia and Herzegovina. A tentative schedule for the consideration of reports during the 119th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

| *State* | *Report* | *Date* |
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| Bangladesh | Initial report of Bangladesh  CCPR/C/BGD/1 | Monday, 6 March, afternoon Tuesday, 7 March, morning |
| Serbia | Third periodic report of Serbia  CCPR/C/SRB/3 | Tuesday, 7 March, afternoon Wednesday, 8 March, morning |
| Turkmenistan | Second periodic report of Turkmenistan  CCPR/C/TKM/2 | Wednesday, 8 March, afternoon Thursday, 9 March, morning |
| Italy | Sixth periodic report of Italy  CCPR/C/ITA/6 | Thursday, 9 March, afternoon Friday, 10 March, morning |
| Thailand | Second periodic report of Thailand  CCPR/C/THA/2 | Monday, 13 March, afternoon Tuesday, 14 March, morning |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Third periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina  CCPR/C/BIH/3 | Tuesday, 14 March, afternoon Wednesday, 15 March, morning |

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 119th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Mauritius, Dominican Republic, Jordan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and lists of issues prior to reporting for the Netherlands and lists of issues in the absence of a report from Eritrea and Swaziland.

8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State party reports

The Special Rapporteur and the Deputy Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations will provide a progress report on their activities.

9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on his activities.

10. Consideration of communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Mindful of the provisions under rule 95 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet for a period of one week, from 27 February to 3 March 2017, prior to the 119th session.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been or appear to have been submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 400 communications were pending before the Committee as at 20 December 2016.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

11. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly

1. \* Reissued for technical reasons on 15 December 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)