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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES
ON ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION**

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A. States parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

1. As of the 15 September 2017, the closing date of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED), there were 57 parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED) and 96 signatory States. The Convention was adopted on 20 December 2006 during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly by resolution A/RES/61/177. The Convention was opened for signature on 6 February 2007. In accordance with its article 39(1), the Convention entered into force on 23 December 2010.

2. A list of States parties to the Convention, as of the 15th of September 2017, as well as the deadline by which they should submit their reports to the Committee, is included in annex I of this report.

B. Election of Officers

3. In accordance with rule 15 and 16 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, Ms. Maja Andrijasevic-Boko, officer-in-charge of the Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, conducted the election of officers. Ms. Suela Janina was elected Chair of the Committee; Mr. Mohammed Ayat, Ms. Maria Clara Galvis Patiño and Mr. Rainer Huhle were elected Vice-Chairs and Mr. Koji Teraya was elected Rapporteur of the Committee.

C. Opening of the thirteenth session

4. The thirteenth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances was opened by Ms. Georgette Gagnon, Director of the Field Operations and Technical Division of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. In her opening statement, Ms. Gagnon expressed her support for the work and results that the Committee has achieved to date. She highlighted that owing to the work of the Committee, hundreds of families of victims have been assisted, some individuals have been located or identified, and many States Parties have or are considering including the crime of enforced disappearance in their national legislation. Ms. Gagnon noted that enforced disappearances continue to be perpetrated globally, as demonstrated by the approximately 500 urgent action requests received by the Committee and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances over the past year. She continued by reinforcing that while we cannot know how many people have been able to secure freedom from enforced disappearances or secret detentions because of the implementation of the Convention, we know that its preventive effect is substantive. Likewise, she emphasized the importance of galvanizing broad based ratification of the Convention, an objective which has been advanced by the ratification campaign launched by the High Commissioner and aimed at doubling the number of States parties within five years. Subsequently, she spoke to the work of the High Commissioner and OHCHR staff over the past year, with special mention being given to the work of OHCHR Mexico, Honduras and Sri Lanka. Specifically, she noted the OHCHR-Mexico has provided advice towards the adoption of a General Law that aligns with human rights standards, and continues to support the efforts of the Federal Police and the Federal Commission for the Attention of Victims. Likewise,

OHCHR-Honduras provided technical assistance to the Government with respect to the review of the State party report to the Committee. To conclude, Ms. Gagnon stressed the importance of legal standards and recommendations by treaty bodies to effectively fight enforced disappearance at the national level.

D. Membership of the Committee and Attendance

5. The Committee on Enforced Disappearances was established in accordance with article 26, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

6. All Committee members attended the 13th session. A list of members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is included in annex II of the present report.

7. The newly elected members of the Committee, Mohammed AYAT, Moncef BAATI, Milica KOLAKOVIĆ-BOJOVIĆ, Horacio RAVENNA and Koji TERAYA made their solemn declaration.

E. Observance of a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of enforced disappearance

8. At the end of the opening statement by the representative of the High Commissioner, the Committee members and all those present observed a minute of silence in remembrance of the victims of enforced disappearance.

F. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. The Committee adopted the agenda for the thirteenth session (CED/C/13/1). The adopted agenda is included in annex III.

II. ACTION TAKEN DURING THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

A. Working methods

10. During its thirteenth session, the Committee reviewed and discussed the following issues related to its working methods:

- a. Methods of work related to articles 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention;
- b. Strategy to increase ratification of the Convention;
- c. Other matters.

11. On 15 September 2017, the Committee held a discussion on capacity-building. The Committee was joined by Ms. Christina Meinecke. Ms. Meinecke provided an overview of the HRTD Capacity-Building Programme. The Committee discussed various issues, including

specific regional cases that exemplify potential methods to encourage State Parties to implement the Convention. Subsequently, the Committee also held a discussion on communication strategies. Ms. Nicoleta Panta provided advice regarding how to bolster publicity. The Committee recognized the importance of effective communication strategies, and discussed concrete issues in several areas of the Committees' activities, including how to respond to inaccurate articles disseminated by the media.

B. Urgent action procedure under article 30 of the Convention

12. The three special rapporteurs on urgent actions presented the Note of the Secretary-General on urgent actions, describing the main features of the registered cases, as well as challenges faced, and the decisions taken in the exercise of their functions since the twelfth session of the Committee. They informed the Plenary that since March 2012 and at the date of the report, the Committee had received 478 requests for urgent action, out of which 384 were registered. Of the 384 registered urgent actions, two relate to events in Argentina, one to events in Brazil, one to events in Cambodia, twelve to events in Colombia, 76 to events in Iraq, 289 to events in Mexico, one to events in Mauritania, and two to events occurred in Morocco.

13. In accordance with article 30, paragraph 3, of the Convention and Rule 62 of its Rules of procedure, the Committee has requested the States parties concerned to take all the necessary measures, including interim measures, to locate and protect the persons concerned in accordance with the Convention and to inform the Committee, within a specified period of time.

14. At the time of this report, 28 of the disappeared persons with regard to whom Urgent Actions were registered by the Committee were located. Consequently, and in compliance with the criteria it adopted at its 9th session, the Committee closed nine of the Urgent actions in which the disappeared person was located alive and released from detention, and 19 in which the disappeared person was located dead. The Committee also discontinued two Urgent Actions in which the disappeared person has been localized but remains in detention. Finally, two Urgent Actions in which the disappeared person was localized dead remain open because the Interim Measures requested by the Committee for the relatives or representatives of the disappeared person remain necessary.

15. See the list of registered urgent actions at:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCED%2fJUR%2f12%2f25754&Lang=en

C. Communication procedure under article 31 of the Convention

16. The rapporteur on new communication and follow-up to Views presented his report, which was adopted by the Plenary. This report presents the last developments related to the implementation by the State party of the Committee's recommendations in its Views (violation) on communication 1/2013 (Yrusta v. Argentina). The Committee analysed the information provided by the State party and the authors of the communication and decided to maintain the follow-up ongoing. The rapporteur on new communications and follow-up to Views will therefore send a follow-up note verbal to the State party, requesting additional

information on the issues with regard to which the Committee considers necessary that the State party adopt additional measures to implement its recommendations.

17. The rapporteur and the Secretariat also informed the Plenary that a new individual complaint has been registered by the Committee under article 31 of the Convention against the Czech Republic (communication CED 2/2017). The procedure is ongoing.

D. Decisions

18. The Committee decided on:

- a. The attribution of functions of the Bureau which will be composed of:
 - i. Chair: Ms. Suela Janina
 - ii. Rapporteur: Mr. Koji Teraya
 - iii. Vice-Chairs: Mr. Mohammed Ayat, Ms. Maria Clara Galvis Patiño, Mr. Rainer Huhle;
- b. The attribution of functions of Rapporteurs on Urgent Actions; Rapporteur on Reprisal; Rapporteurs on Communication and Follow up Views; and Rapporteurs on the Report on Follow-up to Concluding Observations.
- c. The appointment of the country rapporteurs who will draft the Lists of Issues related to the report of Portugal, Japan and Peru and will lead the constructive dialogue with the State party.
- d. The adoption of the concluding observations on the reports submitted by Lithuania and Gabon under article 29, paragraph 1 of the Convention.
- e. The adoption of the List of Issues on Austria, Honduras and Albania.
- f. The adoption of the follow-up reports of Burkina Faso, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Montenegro and Tunisia.
- g. The consideration of States parties in the absence of a report when the report is more than five years late and to send a reminder to all States whose reports are overdue.
- h. To reiterate the request for a visit under article 33 of the Convention to Mexico by note verbal.
- i. To continue considering the issue of “The obligation under the Convention to search for and locate persons”
- j. Welcomes the latest recommendation to update documentation on the relationship between the Committee and the National Human Rights Institutions (CED/C/6) endorsed by the 29th Chairpersons’ meeting and considers current documentation to align with said recommendation.
- k. The adoption of its thirteenth session informal report.
- l. The adoption of the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the Committee (included in Annex IV).

E. Future Session

19. In accordance with the calendar of conferences adopted by the General Assembly, the Committee confirmed the dates of its fourteenth session, to be held from 22 May - 1 June 2018 at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais Wilson.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

A. Lithuania

20. On 4 and 5 September 2017, the Committee considered the report of Lithuania in public. Lithuania was represented by Mr. Paulius Griciūnas, Vice Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania; Ms. Dainora Bernackienė, Head of the Division of Children, Family and Communities, Department of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania; Ms. Gabija Damalakaitė, Head of the International Law and Arms Control Division, International Relations and Operations Department of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania; Ms. Ona Davidonienė, Director of the State Mental Health Centre; Ms. Goda Karalytė, Chief specialist of the Division of Criminal Justice, Administrative and Criminal Justice Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania; Mr. Saulius Kiela, Head of the Division of Criminal Intelligence Information of the Prison Department under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania; Mr. Andrius Krivas, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva; Mr. Arūnas Meška, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Department of Criminal Prosecutions of the Prosecutor General's Office; Mr. Mindaugas Stravinskas, Counsellor of the Activity Coordination and Control Board of the Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau; Ms. Agnė Veršelytė, Counsellor at the Division of International Agreements Law, International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania.

21. The main issues discussed during the constructive dialogue were:

- Criminalization of enforced disappearance both as an **autonomous crime** and as a **crime against humanity** within domestic legislation;
- **Scope of operation of the Ombudsmen's Office** of the Republic of Lithuania;
- **Scale of custodial sentences** for the crime of enforced disappearance;
- **Aggravating and mitigating circumstances** applicable to acts of enforced disappearance;
- **Martial law vis-à-vis** crime of enforced disappearance; **responsibility** of superiors for crime of enforced disappearance;
- **Prosecutorial procedures** followed in the case of alleged enforced disappearance;
- **Protection of persons** participating in an investigation;
- **Extradition procedures vis-à-vis** individuals that may be at risk of being subjected to enforced disappearance;
- **Measures taken to guarantee people deprived of liberty the right to communicate** with their family, legal counsel and any other person of their choice;
- Prompt **notification of relatives and other interested persons of deprivations of liberty**;
- Activities and resources at the disposal of the **Missing Person's Families Support Centre**;
- **Registration of all required information** regarding people deprived of their liberty according to article 17(3) of the Convention;
- **Non-refoulement vis-à-vis** enforced disappearance;

- Investigation of **state involvement in alleged incidents of rendition and secret detention**;
- **Training** for state actors in accordance with the Convention;
- **Definition of a victim** in accordance with article 24 of the Convention;
- **Right to reparation and compensation** (particularly for non-material damages)

B. Gabon

22. On 5 and 6 September 2017, the Committee considered the report of Gabon in a public session. The Committee regretted that the foreseen delegation members from the capital, which had been previously accredited, was not present during the constructive dialogue. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Gabon to the United Nations Office at Geneva expressed its regrets on behalf of the delegation. Gabon was represented by Her Excellency Ms. Marianne Odette Bibalou Bounda, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Ms. Nadège Moucketou Mvou, Legal Counsel to the Permanent Mission.

23. The main issues discussed during the constructive dialogue were:

- Provisions in domestic legislation reinforcing the **non-derogability of the prohibition of enforced disappearance during a state of emergency**;
- Acceptance of the **competence of the Committee under articles 31 and 32** of the Convention;
- **Reform** of Gabon's Criminal Code to integrate the Convention's provisions in domestic law;
- Information about the **National Commission on Human Rights** in Gabon, including current operational status and conformity with Paris Principles;
- **Criminalization of enforced disappearance** both as an autonomous **crime** and as a **crime against humanity** within domestic legislation;
- **Criminal responsibility of superiors** in domestic law;
- Steps taken to **locate individuals who have allegedly been subjected to enforced disappearance post August 31 2016**;
- **State obligation to conduct investigations into allegations of enforced disappearance**, even in the absence of formal complaints;
- **Custodial sentences** for the crime of enforced disappearance;
- **Continuous nature of the crime** of enforced disappearance;
- **Universal Jurisdiction** over the crime of enforced disappearance;
- **Mitigating and aggravating circumstances** applied to enforced disappearance;
- **Protection of those participating in an investigation** against ill-treatment and intimidation;
- **Extradition procedures vis-à-vis individuals** that may be at risk of being subjected to enforced disappearance;
- **Registration of all required information** regarding people deprived of their liberty according to article 17(3) of the Convention;
- **Provisions of domestic law the prohibit secret or unofficial detention**;
- **Measures taken to guarantee to people deprived of liberty the right to communicate** with their family, legal counsel and any other person of their choice;
- **Training** for State actors in accordance with the Convention;
- **Preventive measures** to be taken vis-à-vis crime of enforced disappearance;

- **Right to reparation and compensation**

IV. ADOPTION OF CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

24. The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Lithuania and on Gabon on 12 September 2017 and 13 September 2017, respectively.

25. The concluding observations on Lithuania can be found under the reference CED/C/LTU/CO/1 and from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CED/Shared%20Documents/LTU/CED_C_LTU_CO_1_28912_E.pdf

26. The concluding observations on Gabon can be found under the reference CED/C/GAB/CO/1 and from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CED/Shared%20Documents/GAB/INT_CED_COC_GAB_28909_F.pdf

V. ADOPTION OF LIST OF ISSUES

A. Austria

27. On 6 September 2017, the Committee adopted the List of Issues on Austria. The List of Issues on Austria can be found under the reference CED/C/AUT/Q/1 and from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CED/Shared%20Documents/AUT/CED_C_AUT_Q_1_29002_E.pdf

B. Honduras

28. On 11 September 2017, the Committee adopted the List of Issues on Honduras. The List of Issues on Honduras can be found under the reference CED/C/HND/Q/1 and from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CED/Shared%20Documents/HND/CED_C_HND_Q_1_29001_E.pdf

C. Albania

29. On 11 September 2017, the Committee adopted the List of Issues on Albania. The List of Issues on Albania can be found under the reference CED/C/ALB/Q/1 and from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CED/Shared%20Documents/ALB/CED_C_ALB_Q_1_29003_E.pdf

VI. ADOPTION OF FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

A. Burkina Faso

30. On 14 September 2017, the Committee assessed the information received from Burkina Faso on the follow-up given to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the review of the country at its thirteenth session. The follow-up report can be found under reference CED/13/2.

B. Iraq

31. On 14 September 2017, the Committee assessed the information received from Iraq on the follow-up given to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the review of the country at its thirteenth session. The follow-up report can be found under reference CED/13/2.

C. Kazakhstan

32. On 14 September 2017, the Committee assessed the information received from Kazakhstan on the follow-up given to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the review of the country at its thirteenth session. The follow-up report can be found under reference CED/13/2.

D. Montenegro

33. On 14 September 2017, the Committee assessed the information received from Montenegro on the follow-up given to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the review of the country at its thirteenth session. The follow-up report can be found under reference CED/13/2.

E. Tunisia

34. On 14 September 2017, the Committee assessed the information received from Tunisia on the follow-up given to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the review of the country at its thirteenth session. The follow-up report can be found under reference CED/13/2.

VII. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

A. Overdue reports

35. The Committee was deeply concerned by the number of overdue reports of States Parties and reminded States Parties that they were required to report within two years from the entry into force of the Convention, as per article 29 of the Convention. The Committee expressed concern that the reports of Bolivia, Mali, Nigeria, Chile and Brazil had still not been submitted notwithstanding that those States were among the first to have ratified the Convention. The Committee further noted that the reports of Zambia, Panama, Costa Rica, Mauritania, Samoa, Morocco, Cambodia, Lesotho and Togo were significantly overdue. The Chair reiterated that the efficient functioning of the Committee depends on the timely submission of reports and urged States parties to respect their legal obligation to submit reports on time.

36. The Committee decided to examine the States whose reports are more than 5 years overdue, in the absence of the report. The Committee decided to send a reminder to all States whose reports are overdue.

VIII. THEMATIC DISCUSSION

A. The obligation under the Convention to search for and locate disappeared persons

37. On 14 September 2017, the Committee held a thematic discussion on “The obligation under the Convention to search for and locate persons”. The Committee was joined by Mr. Carlos Beristain, Ms. Gabriella Citroni and Mr. Luciano Hazan. Mr. Huhle and Ms. Galvis opened the discussion by providing an overview of their recent work on the subject under consideration. Mr. Huhle discussed the articles of the Convention that may be interpreted as placing an obligation on States Parties to search for disappeared persons, drawing specific attention to the obligations set out within article 12. Ms. Galvis discussed the obligation to search for and find disappeared persons in relation to the explicit statements that the Committee has made within past Concluding Observations. Mr. Beristain provided examples from his practical experience in addressing this theme, discussing both existing barriers in searching for and locating disappeared persons, as well as approaches to surmounting said barriers. Ms. Citroni reinforced the importance of creating victim centered standards and practices to guide the work of the Committee and States in searching for and locating disappeared persons, as well as the impact of the passage of time on search procedures. Mr. Hazan spoke on behalf of the WGEID about the possibility of producing a guide for States about how to carry out searches for disappeared persons. Mr. Hazan expressed the WGEID’s willingness to cooperate and work complementarily with the Committee on such a guide. The Committee and guests concluded by discussing in-country examples and documents pertaining to best practices in searching for and locating missing and disappeared persons. The Committee decided to keep the topic on its agenda and collect more views and experiences about practices of searching for disappeared persons, with a view to draft a document about the matter.

IX. RELATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

A. Meeting with the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

38. On 12 September 2017, the Committee held its sixth annual meeting with the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances. The Chair of the Committee, Ms. Suela Janina, thanked the WGEID for the strong support on the occasion of the first Conference of the States parties for the confirmation of the Committee as monitoring body of the Convention. She introduced the new members of the Committee and provided information about the composition of the Bureau. Ms. Janina informed on the recent activities of the Committee and of its decision to review the non-reporting States, whose reports are more than 5 years late, in absence of the report. She also noted the new periods for the sessions of the Committee in 2018 and expressed the wish that an opportunity would be found for joint meetings between the two mechanisms. The Chair of the Working Group, Ms. Es-slami, noted that the WG has witnessed a sustained, if not upward prevalence in the number of cases of enforced disappearance, particularly concerning disappearances perpetrated by non-state actors. Furthermore, Ms. Es-slami noted the increase in the number of Urgent Action requests

for short-term enforced disappearances. Ms. Es-slami referred the Committee to the WG's annual report for further information regarding the undertakings of the WG this year. Subsequently, the WG and the Committee discussed actions carried out by the WG to encourage the ratification of the Convention, particularly in the context of country visits. Ms. Es-slami reinforced that the issue of ratification has systematically been incorporated into all aspects of the WG's activities. The Committee then highlighted its decision not to take up urgent actions already being addressed by the WG. The WG informed that they are considering the matter of Urgent Actions submitted to both mechanisms. Ms. Janina noted that the issue of duplication would be taken up again at the next meeting held between the WG and the Committee. Both the Committee and the Working Group expressed a strong desire to continue to work together complementarily, specifically by issuing joint statements when possible, sharing information and meeting on a regular basis.

B. Meeting with Member States

39. On 13 September 2017, the Committee held a public meeting with Member States of the United Nations, which was attended by Argentina, Brazil, France, Japan, Iraq, Libya, Mongolia and the United States. Argentina, Iraq, Japan and France took the floor and reaffirmed their commitment to the work of the Committee and for the OHCHR's goal of doubling the ratification of the Convention within the next 5 years. Argentina thanked the Committee for their continuous work within the country and highlighted their ongoing willingness to cooperate. Japan highlighted its continual efforts to increase the number of States Parties to the Convention, specifically in Asia, and spurred a discussion about how best to encourage ratification moving forward. France underscored the complementarity of the Committee and the Working Group and encouraged the Committee to continue to look at the issue of enforced disappearance perpetrated by non-state actors. The Committee thanked States for their ongoing support, and encouraged States to accept the competence of the Committee under Article 31 of the Convention.

C. Meeting with National Human Rights Institutions

40. On 13 September 2017, the Committee held a public meeting with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI). The Geneva representative of GANHRI, Ms. Katherine Rose, underlined the importance of close cooperation between the Committee and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and pointed out the shared priorities of the Committee and the NHRIs, which are promoting the ratification of the Convention in all regions and State parties' compliance with their reporting obligations under article 29.1. She noted the various activities conducted by GANHRI in this regard, including the hosting of an annual training for staff of NHRIs from all regions on the international human rights mechanisms and the accreditation process that GANHRI carries out in accordance with The Paris Principles. Furthermore, Ms. Rose mentioned GANHRI's annual conference which focused on the role of NHRIs in the protection and promotion of human rights in situations of violence and conflict. In her address, the representative of GANHRI highlighted the role of NHRIs in promoting the realisation of human rights through Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 16. GANHRI concluded by reiterating its support and that of its members to the work of the Committee and other treaty bodies at both national and international levels. Committee members reiterated their belief in the invaluable role that NHRIs play both for the work of the Committee and within the international human rights system.

D. Meeting with Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil society

41. On 13 September 2017, the Committee held a public meeting with Non-Governmental Organizations and civil society. Ms. Geneviève Jourdan on behalf of the Association of World Citizens, Mr. Lakhu Luhana on behalf of World Sindhi Congress, Ms. Francesca Dal Poggetto on behalf of Geneva for Human Rights, Mr. Federico Andreu-Guzmán on behalf of International Jurist Commission and Mr. Mohammad Ashrafuz Zaman on behalf of Asian Legal Resource Centre took the floor. Common points of discussion surrounded the need to increase the ratification of the Convention, the challenges of combatting enforced disappearance in States that are not party to the Convention and obligations under the Convention to search for and locate disappeared persons. Geneva for Human Rights expressed its support to the Committee regarding the goal of rapidly increasing the number of ratifications of the Convention and stressed the necessity to have an effective network of NGOs specifically working on enforced disappearances. Mr. Federico Andreu-Guzmán encouraged the Committee to continue to develop the substantive provisions of the Convention, and to continue to set clear standards via Concluding Observations. The Committee reiterated its commitment to honoring the work of the NGOs and civil society members as far as the legal framework of the Convention permits.

ANNEXES

Annex I

States parties to the Convention at the time of the ninth session and deadline for reporting

	State Party	Ratification	Entry into force	Deadline for reporting under Art. 29(1)	Reports submitted
1	Albania*	8 Nov. 2007	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	11 Nov. 2015
2	Argentina*	14 Dec. 2007	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	21 Dec. 2012
3	Mexico	18 Mar. 2008	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	11 Mar. 2014
4	Honduras	1 Apr. 2008	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	4 Feb. 2016
5	France*	23 Sep. 2008	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	21 Dec 2012
6	Senegal	11 Dec. 2008	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	28 Apr. 2015
7	Bolivia	17 Dec. 2008	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	
8	Cuba	2 Feb. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	24 Apr. 2015
9	Kazakhstan	27 Feb. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	3 June 2014
10	Uruguay*	4 Mar. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	4 Sep. 2012
11	Mali*	1 Jul. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	
12	Japan*	23 Jul. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	22 July 2016
13	Nigeria	27 Jul. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	
14	Spain*	24 Sep. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	26 Dec. 2012
15	Germany*	24 Sep. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	25 Mar. 2013
16	Ecuador*	20 Oct. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	5 Jun. 2015
17	Burkina Faso	3 Dec. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	7 Oct. 2014
18	Chile*	8 Dec. 2009	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	
19	Paraguay	3 Aug. 2010	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	28 Aug. 2013
20	Iraq	23 Nov. 2010	23 Dec. 2010	23 Dec. 2012	26 June 2014
21	Brazil	29 Nov. 2010	29 Dec. 2010	29 Dec. 2012	
22	Gabon	19 Jan. 2011	18 Feb. 2011	18 Feb. 2013	10 June 2015
23	Armenia	24 Jan. 2011	23 Feb. 2011	23 Feb. 2013	14 Oct. 2013
24	Netherlands*	23 Mar. 2011	22 Apr. 2011	22 Apr. 2013	11 June 2013
25	Zambia	4 Apr. 2011	4 May 2011	4 May 2013	
26	Serbia*	18 May 2011	17 Jun. 2011	17 Jun. 2013	30 Dec. 2013
27	Belgium*	2 Jun. 2011	2 Jul. 2011	2 Jul. 2013	8 Jul. 2013
28	Panama	24 Jun. 2011	24 Jul. 2011	24 Jul. 2013	
29	Tunisia	29 Jun. 2011	29 Jul. 2011	29 Jul. 2013	25 Sept. 2014
30	Montenegro*	20 Sep. 2011	20 Oct. 2011	20 Oct. 2013	30 Jan. 2014
31	Costa Rica	16 Feb. 2012	17 Mar. 2012	17 Mar. 2014	
32	Bosnia and Herzegovina*	30 Mar. 2012	29 Apr. 2012	29 Apr. 2014	26 Jan. 2015
33	Austria*	7 Jun. 2012	7 Jul. 2012	7 Jul. 2014	31 May 2016
34	Colombia	11 Jul. 2012	10 Aug. 2012	10 Aug. 2014	17 Dec. 2014
35	Peru	26 Sep. 2012	26 Oct. 2012	26 Oct. 2014	8 Aug. 2016
36	Mauritania	3 Oct. 2012	2 Nov. 2012	2 Nov. 2014	
37	Samoa	27 Nov. 2012	27 Dec. 2012	27 Dec. 2014	
38	Morocco	14 May. 2013	13 Jun. 2013	13 Jun. 2015	
39	Cambodia	27 Jun. 2013	27 Jul. 2013	27 Jul. 2015	
40	Lithuania*	14 Aug. 2013	13 Sept. 2013	13 Sept. 2015	6 Oct. 2015
41	Lesotho	6 Dec. 2013	5 Jan. 2014	5 Jan. 2016	
42	Portugal*	27 Jan. 2014	26 Feb. 2014	26 Feb. 2016	22 June 2016
43	Togo	21 Jul. 2014	20 Aug. 2014	20 Aug. 2016	
44	Slovakia*	15 Dec. 2014	14 Jan. 2015	14 Jan. 2017	
45	Mongolia	12 Feb. 2015	14 Mar. 2015	14 Mar. 2017	
46	Malta	27 Mar. 2015	26 Apr. 2015	26 Apr. 2017	
47	Greece	9 Jul. 2015	8 Aug. 2015	8 Aug. 2017	

48	Niger	24 Jul. 2015	23 Aug. 2015	23 Aug. 2017	
49	Belize	14 Aug. 2015	13 Sept. 2015	13 Sept. 2017	
50	Ukraine*	14 Aug. 2015	13 Sept. 2015	13 Sept. 2017	
51	Italy	8 Oct. 2015	7 Nov. 2015	7 Nov. 2017	
52	Sri Lanka	25 May 2016	24 June 2016	24 June 2018	
53	Central African Republic	11 Oct 2016	10 Nov 2016	10 Nov 2018	
54	Switzerland	2 Dec. 2016	1 Jan. 2017	1 Jan. 2019	
55	Seychelles	18 Jan. 2017	17 Feb. 2017	17 Feb. 2019	
56	Czech Republic*	8 Feb. 2017	10 Mar. 2017	10 Mar. 2019	
57	Malawi*	14 Jul. 2017	13 Aug. 2017	13 Aug. 2019	

States marked with an asterisk () have made declarations recognizing the competence of the Committee under articles 31 and/or 32 of the Convention. The full text of declarations and reservations made by States Parties can be found at the following link:*

http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtsg_no=IV-16&chapter=4&lang=en

Annex II

Membership of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Name	Nationality	Term expires
Mr. Mohammed AYAT	Morocco	30 June 2021
Mr. Moncef BAATI	Tunisia	30 June 2021
Mr. Emmanuel DECAUX	France	30 June 2019
Ms. Maria Clara GALVIS PATIÑO	Colombia	30 June 2019
Mr. Daniel FIGALLO RIVADENEYRA	Peru	30 June 2019
Mr. Rainer HUHLE	Germany	30 June 2019
Ms. Suela JANINA	Albania	30 June 2019
Ms. Milica KOLAKOVIĆ-BOJOVIĆ	Serbia	30 June 2021
Mr. Horacio RAVENNA	Argentina	30 June 2021
Mr. Koji TERAYA	Japan	30 June 2021

Annex III

Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Thirteenth session

4-15 September 2017

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Adopted agenda of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances

1. Opening of the session.
2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.
3. Election of the officers.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearance.
6. Information received by the Committee.
7. Matters relating to the Committee's methods of work:
 - (a) Methods of work relating to articles 29-34 of the Convention;
 - (b) Strategy to increase ratification of the Convention;
 - (c) Other matters.
8. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention.
9. Follow-up to concluding observations on reports of States parties.
10. Consideration of lists of issues.
11. Consideration of requests for urgent action (art. 30 of the Convention).
12. Consideration of individual communications (art. 31 of the Convention).
13. Annual meeting with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.
14. Thematic discussion on the obligation under the Convention to search for and locate disappeared persons.
15. Meeting with States Members of the United Nations.

16. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms and intergovernmental organizations.
17. Meeting with national human rights institutions.
18. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.
19. Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session.

Annex IV

Items to be included in the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the Committee

Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Fourteenth session

22 May - 1 June 2018

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.
4. Information received by the Committee.
5. Matters relating to the Committee's methods of work:
 - (a) Methods of work relating to articles 29-34 of the Convention;
 - (b) Strategy for ratifying the Convention;
 - (c) Other matters.
6. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention.
7. Consideration of lists of issues.
8. Consideration of requests for urgent action (art. 30 of the Convention).
9. Consideration of individual communications (art. 31 of the Convention).
10. Meeting with States Members of the United Nations.
11. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms and intergovernmental organizations.
12. Meeting with national human rights institutions.
13. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.
14. Thematic discussion on the obligation under the Convention to search for and locate disappeared persons.
15. Provisional agenda of the fifteenth session.