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I. Organizational and other matters

A. States parties to the Convention

1. On 26 April 2013, the closing date of the eighteenth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Committee), there were 46 States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Convention). The Convention was adopted by General Assembly resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003, in accordance with the provisions of its article 87, paragraph 1.

2. A list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention is contained in annex I to the present report. The updated status of the Convention, including the texts of declarations and reservations and other relevant information can be found in the United Nations Treaty Collection online at <http://treaties.un.org>, maintained by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, which discharges the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

B. Meetings and sessions

3. The Committee held its seventeenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 14 September 2012, including nine plenary meetings (CMW/C/SR.204–212). The provisional agenda, contained in document CMW/C/17/1, was adopted by the Committee at its 204th meeting, on 10 September 2012.

4. The Committee held its eighteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 26 April 2013, including 19 plenary meetings (CMW/C/SR.213–231). The provisional agenda, contained in document CMW/C/18/1, was adopted by the Committee at its 213th meeting, on 15 April 2013.

C. Membership and attendance

5. All members of the Committee, with the exception of Ms. Andrea Miller-Stennett, attended the seventeenth session of the Committee.

6. All members of the Committee, with the exception of Mr. Ahmed Hassan El-Borai and Ms. Andrea Miller-Stennett, attended the eighteenth session of the Committee. Ms. Khedidia Ladjel was absent for a period of three days; Mr. Ahmadou Tall was absent for a period of four days and Mr. José S. Brillantes was absent for a period of five days. The above Committee members informed the Chair in advance of the reasons for their absence.

7. A list of the members of the Committee, together with the duration of their terms of office, appears in annex II to the present report.

D. Future meetings of the Committee

8. The nineteenth session of the Committee will be held from 9 to 13 September 2013 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

9. At its seventeenth session (209th meeting), the Committee decided to request the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources for one additional week of annual

meeting time for the Committee, starting from 2014, as well as for the translation into the working languages of the Committee of the written replies received from States parties to its lists of issues. Prior to the adoption of the decision, the Secretariat had informed the Committee about the programme budget implications.

10. The statement of programme budget implications was submitted to the Committee at its eighteenth session (230th meeting) and was approved. The decision and the statement of programme budget implications are contained in annexes III and IV, respectively, to the present report.

E. Participation in the 24th meeting of chairpersons

11. The Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, chaired the 24th meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies, held from 25 to 29 June 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The report of that meeting is contained in document A/67/222. Mr. El Jamri will represent the Committee at the 25th meeting of chairpersons, to be held from 24 to 28 June 2013 in Geneva. Information on the annual meetings of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies may be found on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at <http://www2.ohchr.org>.

F. General comment No. 2

12. At its 227th meeting on 24 April 2013, the Committee adopted general comment No. 2 on the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. The general comment provides guidance to States parties on the implementation of the Convention with respect to migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families.

13. The Committee's practice for elaborating a general comment includes holding a day of general discussion where input on the selected topic is provided by stakeholders, both orally and in writing. The general comment is then drafted and calls for further input by stakeholders are issued so as to finalize the comment, which is then adopted in plenary of a subsequent session. In this regard, the Committee held a day of general discussion on 19 September 2011 focusing on the protection of the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. Discussions focused on the following topics:

- (a) Criminalization of migrant workers in an irregular situation and their vulnerability to exploitation and abuse;
- (b) Availability of and restrictions relating to economic and social rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families;
- (c) Challenges of protecting the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families.

Keynote speakers included representatives from the Committee, OHCHR, ILO, UNESCO, IOM, States parties, non-governmental organizations, trade unions and academia. Several written contributions were also submitted for this event. More information on the day of general discussion held on 19 September 2011 may be found on the webpage of the Committee hosted on the website of OHCHR (<http://www2.ohchr.org>).

14. Drafting of the general comment commenced thereafter and a further call for inputs from stakeholders was made. Contributions were received from numerous stakeholders, and reviewed and incorporated into the draft general comment, as appropriate, in advance of the eighteenth session of the Committee. At the invitation of the Committee, ILO acted in a

consultative capacity during the drafting and adoption process of the general comment, in accordance with article 74 of the Convention.

G. Day of general discussion

15. On 22 April 2013 (223rd meeting, eighteenth session), the Committee held a half-day general discussion on the importance of migration statistics for treaty reporting and migration policies. Over 75 participants attended, including representatives from Governments, United Nations agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and academic institutions.

16. The event was opened by the Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. El Jamri, and remarks were made by Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR, who also moderated the panel discussion. The event brought together 10 guest speakers representing Government, the United Nations, other international organizations, the Committee on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, non-governmental organizations and civil society. Closing remarks were provided by Mr. Azad Taghizade, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

17. The half-day of general discussion allowed for an exchange of relevant information on the challenges and good practices relating to the collection and analysis of migration statistics, including existing tools and databases; sharing good practices on data protection relating to the collection of personal data of migrants, particularly with regard to vulnerable groups, including children, migrants in an irregular situation and persons with HIV/AIDS or other diseases; and understanding how information can be used by different actors for the benefit of migrant workers and members of their families. Among the issues raised in the discussion were:

- The importance of statistics and evidence-based information to counter common misconceptions about migrant workers;
- The need to continue measuring the implementation and restrictions regarding the human rights of migrant workers;
- Experiences where statistics, including on discrimination faced by migrant workers, helped to foster significant policy change and practice;
- The case for a global migrant rights index and the role of media in shaping public opinion about migrant workers;
- Research and methods used to obtain information about so-called hidden groups, such as child migrant workers, and the special needs of such groups;
- Experiences of voluntary reporting on the smuggling of migrant workers, developed by the United Office on Drugs and Crime.

The programme of the half-day of general discussion as well as the statements by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, moderator and the guest speakers can be found on the webpage of the Committee hosted on the OHCHR website at <http://www2.ohchr.org>.

H. Promotion of the Convention

18. The Chairperson, Mr. El Jamri, participated in a conference on migration, organized by the African Social Forum in September 2012. He also participated as a panellist in a side event on human rights at international borders, hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mexico

and organized by OHCHR on 25 October 2012 during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly in New York. Mr. El Jamri also participated in a seminar on migrant workers in irregular situations, organized by the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) in Brussels in October 2012, as well as a seminar organized by the Confederation internationale des syndicats in November 2012 in Brussels. The Chairperson also represented the Committee at the World Social Forum on Migrations, held in Manila, Philippines from 26 to 30 November 2012.

19. On 18 December 2012, the Chairperson issued a joint statement with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, François Crépeau, on the occasion of International Migrants Day.

20. Mehmet Sevim represented the Committee at the day of general discussion of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the rights of all children in the context of international migration, which was held on 28 September 2012 in Geneva.

21. In February 2013, Mr. El Jamri participated in an international meeting on migrant workers in the Middle East and North African regions, held in Tunis; and in March 2013, the Chairperson participated in a seminar on migration in North Africa and West Africa, held in Dakar.

I. Meeting with States

22. At its 209th meeting (seventeenth session), on 12 September 2012, the Committee held an informal meeting with States parties to the Convention. The meeting focused on the new working methods and procedures of the Committee, namely the adoption of lists of issues prior to reporting, the fixed reporting calendar, and the procedure for the consideration of States parties in the absence of a report. Fifteen States parties attended the meeting.

23. Several representatives of States parties welcomed the lists-of-issues-prior-to-reporting procedure and the reporting calendar. One representative stated that it was useful that the procedure for the consideration of States parties in the absence of a report could be combined with the lists-of-issues-prior-to-reporting procedure, including with regard to overdue initial reports.

24. The Committee informed States parties that it intended to submit a request to the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session in 2013, for one additional week of annual meeting time.

25. The Committee held a meeting with States on 22 April 2013 (224th meeting, eighteenth session), in which 24 States participated, including States parties as well as non-State parties. The Committee provided an overview of its activities and working methods in the context of the treaty body strengthening process, covering the format of the constructive dialogue, content and format of its concluding observations, the reporting calendar and simplified reporting procedure. With respect to the calendar, the Committee envisages reviewing 45 States parties' reports over a five-year cycle, which will increase its workload considerably. In this context, the Committee informed the States that it has decided to request one additional week of meeting time to be able to effectively discharge its mandate with respect to State party reporting obligations.

26. The Committee also discussed its activities to promote the Convention, including, inter alia, its work with various stakeholders and days of general discussion. The Committee noted that smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and irregular migration flows continues to increase and that the Convention provides the treaty framework to address these issues in a holistic way. Noting the low level of participation in the

Convention, the Committee called on States which had not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so for the protection of migrant workers and members of their families who remain one of the most vulnerable groups in society. The Committee also noted the delays in the submission of both initial and periodic reports.

27. Several States — including non-States parties — took the floor: two representatives considered that late submission of reports should not be viewed as a lack of interest in the Convention, stressing that delays could be due to other factors, including multiple reporting obligations, personnel and resource constraints, the complexity of the Convention and the need to bring legislation and policies in line with its provisions. Another representative raised the issue of the reporting calendar in relation to the comprehensive reporting calendar, the optional nature of the simplified reporting procedure and the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of treaty body experts (Addis Ababa Guidelines).

J. Adoption of the report

28. On 25 October 2012, the Chairperson presented the Committee's annual report concerning its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions to the Third Committee of the General Assembly.

29. On 26 April 2013, at its 231st meeting (eighteenth session), the Committee adopted the present annual report to the General Assembly.

II. Methods of work

30. On behalf of the meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies, the Chair participated as a resource person in an informal meeting of the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system (see General Assembly resolution 66/254) held in New York from 16 to 18 July 2012.

31. At its 209th meeting (seventeenth session), the Committee adopted a preliminary statement welcoming the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on strengthening the United Nations human rights treaty body system and supporting, in principle, the measures proposed by the High Commissioner to strengthen and rationalize the treaty body system. The Committee stated that it would continue to discuss the proposals compiled in the report and express an opinion on individual proposals in due course. The preliminary statement appears in annex V to the present report.

32. At its 212th meeting (seventeenth session), the Committee adopted a decision welcoming the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa guidelines), endorsed by the 24th meeting of Chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies, held in Addis Ababa from 25 to 29 June 2012. The decision is contained in annex VI to the present report.

33. Also at the seventeenth session, the Bureau of the Committee held its first meeting, further to the Committee's decision to hold regular Bureau meetings, with a view to managing its work, as well as streamlining and rationalizing its working methods.

34. On 19 April 2013 (222nd meeting, eighteenth session) the Committee met with the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process and members from the Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. A frank exchange took place on the proposals contained in the High Commissioner's report on treaty body strengthening. Committee members highlighted that the treaty bodies are established under treaties that are ratified by States and are the main pillar of the treaty

body system. Committee members opined that the system should be funded appropriately to carry out the mandates entrusted to the treaty bodies by the States parties to the relevant treaties. Committee members also voiced their agreement with harmonization and rationalization of working methods in a way that would not impact negatively on rights holders, and that any savings realized should be invested in capacity-building to ensure that the Committee's recommendations are implemented at the country level.

35. On 24 and 25 April 2013 (227th and 229th meetings, eighteenth session), the Committee adopted the proposals concerning strict adherence to page limitations and focused concluding observations, respectively, as contained in the High Commissioner's report (A/66/860). On 26 April 2013 (231st meeting), the Committee adopted the remaining proposals and recommendations contained in the report, including the Guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their functions (A/67/222). The Committee further decided that it would gradually revise its working methods in light of the High Commissioner's recommendations, as well as amend its rules of procedures, as necessary.

III. Cooperation with bodies concerned

36. The Committee continued its cooperation with United Nations specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. While welcoming their contributions in relation to the consideration of States parties' reports, it encouraged them to cooperate more actively with the Committee by submitting country-specific information.

37. The Committee also continued its close cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO), which assists the Committee in a consultative capacity, in accordance with article 74, paragraph 5, of the Convention.

IV. Reports by States parties under article 73 of the Convention

38. The Committee notes with concern that, as at 26 April 2013, the initial reports due under article 73 of the Convention had not yet been received from as many as 21 States parties. Annex VII to the present report contains a table with the dates by which the reports of States parties are or were due.

V. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 74 of the Convention

A. Adoption of lists of issues and lists of issues prior to reporting

39. At its eighteenth session, the Committee adopted lists of issues in relation to the following reports submitted by States parties:

<i>State party</i>	<i>Type of report</i>	<i>Symbol of report</i>	<i>Symbol of list of issues</i>
Burkina Faso	Initial	CMW/C/BFA/1	CMW/C/BFA/Q/1
Morocco	Initial	CMW/C/MAR/1	CMW/C/MAR/Q/1

40. At its eighteenth session, the Committee also adopted lists of issues prior to reporting (LOIPR) in relation to States parties that had accepted its new optional LOIPR procedure and those that had been notified under rule 31 bis of the Committee's revised provisional rules of procedure (see A/67/48, para. 25):

<i>State party</i>	<i>Type of report (due since)</i>	<i>Date of acceptance^a/ notification^a</i>	<i>Symbol of LOIPR</i>
Belize	Initial (1 July 2004)	26 April 2013 ^a	CMW/C/BLZ/QPR/1
Ghana	Initial (1 July 2004)	26 April 2013 ^a	CMW/C/GHA/QPR/1
Sri Lanka	Second periodic (1 November 2011)	1 March 2012 ^a	CMW/C/SYR/QPR/2
Uganda	Initial (1 July 2004)	26 April 2012 ^a	CMW/C/UGA/QPR/1

B. Adoption of concluding observations

41. At its seventeenth session, the Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on the reports submitted in accordance with article 74 of the Convention: the initial report of Rwanda (CMW/C/RWA/CO/1) and the second periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CMW/C/BIH/CO/2).

42. At its eighteenth session, the Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on the reports submitted in accordance with article 74 of the Convention: the second periodic reports of Azerbaijan (CMW/C/AZE/CO/2), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (CMW/C/BOL/CO/2) and Colombia (CMW/C/COL/CO/2).

43. The concluding observations adopted by the Committee at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions are available from the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>) under the symbols indicated below:

- **Rwanda** (CMW/C/RWA/CO/1);
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (CMW/C/BIH/CO/2);
- **Azerbaijan** (CMW/C/AZE/CO/2);
- **Bolivia (Plurinational State of)** (CMW/C/BOL/CO/2);
- **Colombia** (CMW/C/COL/CO/2).

44. A list of documents issued in connection with the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Committee is contained in annex VIII to the present report.

Annexes

Annex I

States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 26 April 2013

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature, succession to signature^d</i>	<i>Ratification accession^a succession^d</i>
Albania		5 June 2007 ^a
Algeria		21 April 2005 ^a
Argentina	10 August 2004	23 February 2007
Azerbaijan		11 January 1999 ^a
Bangladesh	7 October 1998	24 August 2011
Belize		14 November 2001 ^a
Benin	15 September 2005	
Bolivia		16 October 2000 ^a
Bosnia and Herzegovina		13 December 1996 ^a
Burkina Faso	16 November 2001	26 November 2003
Cambodia	27 September 2004	
Cameroon	15 December 2009	
Cape Verde		16 September 1997 ^a
Chad	26 September 2012	
Chile	24 September 1993	21 March 2005
Colombia		24 May 1995 ^a
Comoros	22 September 2000	
Congo	29 September 2008	
Ecuador		5 February 2002 ^a
Egypt		19 February 1993 ^a
El Salvador	13 September 2002	14 March 2003
Gabon	15 December 2004	
Ghana	7 September 2000	7 September 2000

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature, succession to signature^d</i>	<i>Ratification accession^a succession^d</i>
Guatemala	7 September 2000	14 March 2003*
Guinea		7 September 2000 ^a
Guinea-Bissau	12 September 2000	
Guyana	15 September 2005	7 July 2010
Honduras		9 August 2005 ^a
Indonesia	22 September 2004	31 May 2012
Jamaica	25 September 2008	25 September 2008
Kyrgyzstan		29 September 2003 ^a
Lesotho	24 September 2004	16 September 2005
Liberia	22 September 2004	
Libya		18 June 2004 ^a
Mali		5 June 2003 ^a
Mauritania		22 January 2007 ^a
Mexico	22 May 1991	8 March 1999**
Montenegro	23 October 2006 ^d	
Morocco	15 August 1991	21 June 1993
Mozambique	15 March 2012	
Nicaragua		26 October 2005 ^a
Niger		18 March 2009 ^a
Nigeria		27 July 2009 ^a
Palau	20 September 2011	
Paraguay	13 September 2000	23 September 2008
Peru	22 September 2004	14 September 2005
Philippines	15 November 1993	5 July 1995
Rwanda		15 December 2008 ^a
Sao Tome and Principe	6 September 2000	
Senegal		9 June 1999 ^a
Serbia	11 November 2004	
Seychelles		15 December 1994 ^a
Sierra Leone	15 September 2000	
Sri Lanka		11 March 1996 ^a

<i>State</i>	<i>Signature, succession to signature^d</i>	<i>Ratification accession^a succession^d</i>
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		29 October 2010 ^a
Syrian Arab Republic		2 June 2005 ^a
Tajikistan	7 September 2000	8 January 2002
Timor-Leste		30 January 2004 ^a
Togo	15 November 2001	
Turkey	13 January 1999	27 September 2004
Uganda		14 November 1995 ^a
Uruguay		15 February 2001 ^{a,***}
Venezuela	4 October 2011	

* On 11 September 2007, Guatemala made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under articles 76 and 77 of the Convention to receive and consider inter-State communications and individual communications, respectively.

** On 15 September 2008, Mexico made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

*** On 13 April 2012, Uruguay made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

Annex II

Membership of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 1 January 2013

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
José Serrano Brillantes	Philippines	2013
Francisco Carrión Mena	Ecuador	2015
Fatoumata Abdourhamana Dicko	Mali	2013
Ahmed Hassan El-Borai	Egypt	2015
Abdelhamid El Jamri	Morocco	2015
Miguel Ángel Ibarra González	Guatemala	2013
Prasad Kariyawasam	Sri Lanka	2013
Khedidja Ladjel	Algeria	2015
Andrea Miller-Stennett	Jamaica	2013
Marco Núñez-Melgar Maguiña	Peru	2015
Myriam Poussi	Burkina Faso	2015
Mehmet Sevim	Turkey	2013
Azad Taghizade	Azerbaijan	2015
Ahmadou Tall	Senegal	2013

Composition of the Bureau

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Abdelhamid El Jamri (Morocco)
<i>Vice-Chairpersons:</i>	Francisco Carrión Mena (Ecuador) Myriam Poussi (Burkina Faso) Azad Taghizade (Azerbaijan)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Ahmadou Tall (Senegal)

Annex III

Decision adopted by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to request additional meeting time and resources

Concerned at delays in the submission of reports by States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, which prevent the Committee from fully discharging the functions entrusted to it under the Convention in an efficient and timely manner,

Recalling its decision, adopted at its 182nd meeting (fifteenth session), to examine States parties' reports according to a reporting calendar, whereby the implementation of the Convention by all States parties would be considered within a five-year reporting cycle as from 2014, with a view to ensuring compliance by all States parties on an equal basis with their reporting obligations under article 73 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the additional resources to enable the Committee to consider a higher number of reports from States parties, in accordance with the aforementioned reporting calendar,

Considering the importance of the dialogue between the Committee and States parties to the Convention in relation to the information contained in States parties' written replies to the Committee's lists of issues, and hence the need to translate all written replies into the working languages of the Committee so as to make the information available to all the members of the Committee,

1. Decides to request the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources for the Committee to hold two sessions per year as of 2014, each of two weeks' duration, to be held in spring and in autumn at the United Nations Office at Geneva, to replace the current pattern of two sessions per year, one of two weeks' duration in spring and one of one week's duration in autumn;

2. Also requests the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources for the translation into the working languages of the Committee of the written replies of States parties to the Committee's lists of issues.

12 September 2012 (209th meeting)

Annex IV

Statement of programme budget implications of the draft decision of the Committee concerning additional meeting time and resources

I. Requests contained in the proposed draft decision of the Committee

1. At its 209th meeting (seventeenth session), the Committee considered that in view of its increased workload, it needed more meeting time in order to fulfil effectively the functions entrusted to it under the Convention. It therefore decided to request the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources for the Committee to extend its annual autumn session, currently of one-week duration, by one additional week in both 2014 and 2015. The sessions of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The Committee also decided to request the General Assembly to provide the necessary resources for the translation of the written replies of States parties to its lists of issues. In accordance with rule 19 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General prepared and circulated to the Committee's members a written estimate of the costs involved in these decisions.

II. Relationship of the proposed decision to the strategic framework for the period 2014–2015 and the programme of work contained in the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

2. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 1 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; part B – Conference services, Geneva; subprogramme 2 – Supporting human rights treaty bodies and programme 20 – Human rights, of the strategic framework for the period 2014–2015. The activities also fall under section 2 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 24 – Human rights and section 29F – Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

III. Activities for which the requests would be implemented

3. At present, the Committee meets twice a year in Geneva in one two-week session (spring) and one one-week session (autumn) during which it examines four or five reports per year. Provision of additional resources requested in the draft decision, referred to in paragraph 1 above, would enable the Committee to consider a greater number of reports, fully take into account the information contained in the written replies of States parties to the Committee's list of issues and, ultimately, ensure compliance by all States parties on an equal basis with their reporting obligations under article 73 of the Convention.

4. At its fifteenth session held in September 2011, the Committee decided that as of 2014, it would examine States parties' reports according to a reporting calendar, under which the implementation of the Convention by all States parties would be considered within a five-year reporting cycle. Based on the current ratification level of the Convention

(46 States parties), the reporting calendar will therefore require the Committee to consider at least nine States parties per year. In order to ensure compliance with the calendar, the Committee, at its sixteenth session in April 2012, amended its provisional rules of procedure to provide for the consideration of States parties in the absence of a report.

5. By making efforts to streamline the reporting process, the Committee could examine up to six reports per year during the current two annual sessions. Such efforts with an additional week of annual meeting time would enable the Committee to consider nine reports per year. The expected total number of reports to be examined per year would need to be reflected in the Committee's overall annual documentation entitlements.

6. Should the General Assembly approve the Committee's request for additional meeting time, provision would also be needed for additional documentation over the two-year period, comprising an estimated total of 1,288 additional pages of pre-session and 64 pages of in-session documentation in the working languages of the Committee, and 152 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages, spread over the four sessions in 2014 and 2015.

7. The additional meeting time would not incur additional travel costs; however, additional daily subsistence allowance for 14 members for one additional week per year would be required.

8. The additional requirements relate to section 2 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 24 – Human rights and section 29F – Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

A. Conference-servicing requirements

9. It is estimated that additional conference-servicing requirements of \$1,876,800 would arise under section 2 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of which \$938,400 each for 2014 and 2015, and \$2,900 per year under Section 29F – Administration, Geneva. The table below provides the details of these requirements. The total amount of \$1,882,600 should be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

	2014	2015	Total
Section 2 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Interpretation	41 500	41 500	83 000
Pre-session documentation	491 700	491 700	983 400
In-session documentation	38 300	38 300	76 600
Summary records	76 100	76 100	152 200
Post-session documentation	127 600	127 600	255 200
Other conference services	2 200	2 200	4 400
Translation	161 000	161 000	322 000
Subtotal section 2	938 400	938 400	1 876 800

	2014	2015	Total
Section 29F – Administration, Geneva			
VII. Support services requirements	2 900	2 900	5 800
Subtotal section 29F	2 900	2 900	5 800
Total	941 300	941 300	1 882 600

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

Section 24 – Human rights

10. It is also estimated that an additional annual provision of \$54,500 would be required in 2014 and 2015 to cover the daily subsistence allowance for one additional week of meetings per year for the 14 members, with total biennial requirements amounting to \$109,000 under section 24 – Human rights.

11. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision, total additional requirements of \$1,991,600, as shown in the table below, would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

	<i>United States dollars</i>		
	2014	2015	Total
Section 24 – Human rights			
DSA for 14 members for one additional week/year	54 500	54 500	109 000
Total section 24	54 500	54 500	109 000
Section 2 – General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Processing of documentation and interpretation	938 400	938 400	1 876 800
Total section 2	938 400	938 400	1 876 800
Section 29F – Administration, Geneva			
Support services requirements	2 900	2 900	5 800
Total section 29F	2 900	2 900	5 800
Total	995 800	995 800	1 991 600

V. Potential for absorption

12. Should the draft decision be adopted by the General Assembly, additional provisions of \$1,991,600 would be included under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

VI. Summary

13. Should the draft decision be adopted by the General Assembly, total additional resources in the amount of \$1,991,600 would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, including \$1,876,800 under section 2 – General

Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; \$109,000 under section 24 – Human rights and \$5,800 under section 29F – Administration, Geneva. This would require an additional appropriation of \$1,991,600 to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

Annex V

Preliminary statement on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on strengthening the United Nations human rights treaty body system

The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families welcomes the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Strengthening the United Nations human rights treaty body system, published on 22 June 2012, in terms of both the consultative process of its preparation and the essence of the proposals contained therein. The Committee agrees that the treaty body system needs to be strengthened, including through adequate resourcing, for it to become more efficient, more visible and, ultimately, more responsive to the needs of rights holders as well as duty bearers. It considers that the report of the High Commissioner constitutes an important step in this direction.

At its seventeenth session, the Committee had a first opportunity to review and discuss the High Commissioner's report and the proposals contained therein. Without making an assessment of each individual proposal at this stage, the Committee supports, in principle, the measures proposed by the High Commissioner to strengthen and rationalize the treaty body system. The Committee will continue to discuss the proposals compiled in the report and express an opinion on individual proposals in due course.

The Committee takes this opportunity to recall that it had already anticipated some of the key measures proposed in the High Commissioner's report. In particular, it has adopted:

- A reporting calendar designed to ensure compliance by all States parties on an equal basis with their reporting obligations;
- An optional procedure allowing for lists of issues, focused on priority issues, to be adopted prior to the receipt of States parties' periodic reports in order to enable a simplified reporting procedure; and
- Limitations on the number of questions to be raised in the lists of issues as well as on the number of words in concluding observations.

With regard to the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, the Committee wishes to reiterate the preliminary statement of the Human Rights Committee on the strengthening of the United Nations treaty bodies, recalling that the intergovernmental process must respect the integrity of the respective treaty bodies, the powers of the treaty bodies to decide on their own working methods and rules of procedures, and guarantee their independence.

12 September 2012 (209th meeting, seventeenth session)

Annex VI

Decision of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on the Guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (Addis Ababa guidelines)

1. The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families welcomes the Guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (Addis Ababa guidelines), endorsed by the 24th meeting of the Chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies, held in Addis Ababa from 25 to 29 June 2012.
2. The Committee recalls that article 72 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families provides for the Committee to consist of “experts of high moral standing, impartiality and recognized competence in the field covered by the Convention”.

14 September 2012 (212th meeting, seventeenth session)

Annex VII

Submission of reports by States parties under article 73 of the Convention as at 26 April 2013

<i>State party</i>	<i>Type of report</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Session/year examined</i>
Albania	Initial	1 October 2008	6 October 2009	13th session (2010)
	Second periodic	1 November 2015		
Algeria	Initial	1 August 2006	3 June 2008	12th session (2010)
	Second periodic	1 May 2012		
Argentina	Initial	1 June 2008	2 February 2010	15th session (2011)
	Second periodic	1 October 2016		
Azerbaijan	Initial	1 July 2004	22 June 2007	10th session (2009)
	Second periodic	1 May 2011	26 October 2011	18th session (2013)
	Third periodic	1 May 2018		
Bangladesh	Initial	1 December 2012		
Belize	Initial	1 July 2004		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Initial	1 July 2004	22 January 2007	8th session (2008)
	Second periodic	1 July 2009	18 October 2011	18th session (2013)
	Third periodic	1 May 2018		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Initial	1 July 2004	2 August 2007	10th session (2009)
	Second periodic	1 May 2011	12 August 2011	17th session (2012)
	Third periodic	1 October 2017		
Burkina Faso	Initial	1 March 2005	6 November 2012	
Cape Verde	Initial	1 July 2004		
Chile	Initial	1 July 2006	9 February 2010	
	Second periodic	1 October 2016		
Colombia	Initial	1 July 2004	25 January 2008	10th session (2010)

<i>State party</i>	<i>Type of report</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Session/year examined</i>
	Second periodic	1 May 2011	18 October 2011	18th session (2013)
	Third periodic	1 May 2018		
Ecuador	Initial	1 July 2004	27 October 2006	7th session (2007)
	Second periodic	1 July 2009	23 November 2009	13th session (2010)
	Third periodic	1 July 2015		
Egypt	Initial	1 July 2004	6 April 2006	6th session (2007)
	Second periodic	1 July 2009		
El Salvador*	Initial	1 July 2004	19 February 2007	9th session (2008)
	Second periodic	1 December 2010		
Ghana	Initial	1 July 2004		
Guatemala	Initial	1 July 2004	8 March 2010	15th session (2011)
	Second periodic	1 October 2016		
Guinea	Initial	1 July 2004		
Guyana	Initial	1 November 2011		
Honduras	Initial	1 December 2006		
Indonesia	Initial	1 September 2013		
Jamaica	Initial	1 January 2010		
Kyrgyzstan	Initial	1 January 2005		
Lesotho	Initial	1 January 2007		
Libya	Initial	1 October 2005		
Mali*	Initial	1 October 2004	29 July 2005	4th session (2006)
	Second periodic	1 October 2009		
Mauritania	Initial	1 May 2008		
Mexico	Initial	1 July 2004	14 November 2005	5th session (2006)
	Second periodic	1 July 2009	9 December 2009	14th session (2011)
	Third periodic	1 April 2016		
Morocco	Initial	1 July 2004	12 July 2012	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Type of report</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Session/year examined</i>
Nicaragua	Initial	1 February 2007		
Niger	Initial	1 July 2010		
Nigeria	Initial	1 November 2010		
Paraguay	Initial	1 January 2010	10 January 2011	16th session (2012)
	Second periodic	1 May 2017		
Peru	Initial	1 January 2007		
Philippines*	Initial	1 July 2004	7 March 2008	10th session (2009)
	Second periodic	1 May 2011		
Rwanda	Initial	1 April 2010	21 October 2011	17th session (2012)
	Second periodic	1 October 2017		
Senegal	Initial	1 July 2004	1 December 2009	13th session (2010)
	Second periodic	1 November 2014		
Seychelles	Initial	1 July 2004		
Sri Lanka*	Initial	1 July 2004	23 April 2008	11th session (2009)
	Second periodic	1 November 2011		
Syrian Arab Republic	Initial	1 October 2006	21 December 2006	8th session (2008)
	Second periodic	1 October 2011		
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Initial	1 February 2012		
Tajikistan	Initial	1 July 2004	3 December 2010	16th session (2012)
	Second periodic	1 May 2017		
Timor-Leste	Initial	1 May 2005		
Turkey	Initial	1 January 2006		
Uganda	Initial	1 July 2004		
Uruguay	Initial	1 July 2004	30 January 2013	

* States parties that have accepted the optional lists of issues prior to reporting procedure under which their written replies to the Committee's lists of issues prior to reporting (LOIPR) shall be considered as their subsequent periodic reports under article 73, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention.

Annex VIII

List of documents issued or to be issued in connection with the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Committee

CMW/C/17/1 and Corr. 1 and 2	Provisional annotated agenda and programme of work (seventeenth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families) and corrigenda
CMW/C/SR.204–212	Summary records of the seventeenth session of the Committee
CMW/C/18/1	Provisional annotated agenda and programme of work (eighteenth session of the Committee)
CMW/C/SR.213–231	Summary records of the eighteenth session of the Committee
CMW/C/RWA/1	Initial report of Rwanda
CMW/C/RWA/Q/1	List of issues: Rwanda
CMW/C/RWA/Q/1/Add.1	Written replies by the Government of Rwanda to the list of issues
CMW/C/RWA/CO/1	Concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of Rwanda
CMW/C/BIH/2	Second periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina
CMW/C/BIH/Q/2	List of issues: Bosnia and Herzegovina
CMW/C/BIH/Q/2/Add.1	Written replies by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the list of issues
CMW/C/BIH/CO/2	Concluding observations of the Committee on the second periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina
CMW/C/AZE/2	Second periodic report of Azerbaijan
CMW/C/AZE/Q/2	List of issues: Azerbaijan
CMW/C/AZE/Q/2/Add.1	Written replies by the Government of Azerbaijan to the list of issues
CMW/C/AZE/CO/2	Concluding observations of the Committee on the second periodic report of Azerbaijan
CMW/C/BOL/2	Second periodic report of Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
CMW/C/BOL/Q/2	List of issues: Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
CMW/C/BOL/Q/2/Add.1	Written replies from the Government of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) to the list of issues
CMW/C/BOL/CO/2	Concluding observations of the Committee on the second periodic report of Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

CMW/C/COL/2	Second periodic report of Colombia
CMW/C/COL/Q/2	List of issues: Colombia
CMW/C/COL/Q/2/Add.1	Written replies from the Government of Colombia to the list of issues
CMW/C/COL/CO/2	Concluding observations of the Committee on the second periodic report of Colombia
