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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-third session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 3 to 28 November 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 3 November, at 10 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-third session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.



Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
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6. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention.
7. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The fifty-third session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as its working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

(a) States parties to the Convention

As at 10 August 2014, there were 155 States parties to the Convention.

(b) Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-third session, by 10 August 2014, the Secretary-General had received reports from the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

| <i>Initial reports</i> | <i>Symbol</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Congo | CAT/C/COG/1 |
| Iraq | CAT/C/IRQ/1 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | <i>Symbol</i> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Austria | CAT/C/AUT/6 |
| China* | CAT/C/CHN/5 |
| Hong Kong, China* | CAT/C/CHN-HKG/5 |
| Macao, China* | CAT/C/CHN-MAC/5 |
| Colombia | CAT/C/COL/5 |
| Jordan | CAT/C/JOR/3 |
| Luxembourg | CAT/C/LUX/6-7 |
| New Zealand | CAT/C/NZL/6 |
| Romania | CAT/C/ROU/2 |
| Serbia | CAT/C/SRB/2 |
| Slovakia | CAT/C/SVK/3 |
| Spain | CAT/C/ESP/6 |
| Switzerland | CAT/C/CHE/7 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | CAT/C/MKD/3 |
| Tunisia** | CAT/C/TUN/3 |

* Reports not submitted under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

(c) Initial reports

The status of initial reports as at 10 August 2014 was as follows:

| <i>Initial reports</i> | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Antigua and Barbuda (1993) | 17 August 1994 | --- |
| Bangladesh (1998) | 4 November 1999 | --- |
| Botswana (2000) | 7 October 2001 | --- |
| Cape Verde (1992) | 3 July 1993 | --- |
| Congo (2003) | --- | Received 28 February 2014 |
| Côte d'Ivoire (1995) | 16 January 1997 | --- |
| Dominican Republic (2012) | 23 February 2013 | --- |
| Equatorial Guinea (2002) | 6 November 2003 | --- |
| Guinea-Bissau (2013) | --- | 24 October 2014 |
| Iraq (2011) | --- | Received 30 June 2014 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012) | 26 October 2013 | --- |
| Lebanon (2000) | 3 November 2001 | --- |
| Lesotho (2001) | 11 December 2002 | --- |

| <i>Initial reports</i> | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Liberia (2004) | 22 October 2005 | --- |
| Malawi (1996) | 10 July 1997 | --- |
| Maldives (2004) | 20 May 2005 | --- |
| Mali (1999) | 27 March 2000 | --- |
| Nauru (2012) | 26 October 2013 | --- |
| Niger (1998) | 3 November 1999 | --- |
| Nigeria (2001) | 28 June 2002 | --- |
| Pakistan (2010) | 23 July 2011 | --- |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001) | 30 August 2002 | --- |
| San Marino (2006) | 27 December 2007 | --- |
| Seychelles (1992) | 3 June 1993 | --- |
| Somalia (1990) | 22 February 1991 | --- |
| State of Palestine (2014) | --- | 2 May 2015 |
| Swaziland (2004) | 25 April 2005 | --- |
| Timor-Leste (2003) | 16 May 2004 | --- |
| United Arab Emirates (2012) | 19 August 2013 | --- |
| Vanuatu (2011) | 11 August 2012 | --- |

(d) Periodic reports

The status of periodic reports as at 10 August 2014 was as follows:

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Afghanistan (1987) | Initial November 1992 | Second 25 June 1996 | --- |
| Albania (1994) | Second May 2012 | --- | Third 1 June 2016 |
| Algeria (1989) | Third May 2008 | Fourth 20 June 2012 | --- |
| Andorra (2006) | Initial November 2013 | --- | Second 22 November 2017 |
| Argentina* (1986) | Fourth November 2004 | Fifth and sixth 25 June 2008 | --- |
| Armenia* (1993) | Third May 2012 | --- | Fourth 1 June 2016 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Australia* (1989) | Third May 2008 | --- | Fourth and fifth Received 31 July 2013 |
| Austria* (1987) | Fourth and fifth May 2010 | --- | Sixth Received 22 July 2014 |
| Azerbaijan* (1996) | Third November 2009 | Fourth 20 November 2013 | --- |
| Bahrain (1998) | Initial May 2005 | Second 4 April 2007 | --- |
| Belarus* (1987) | Fourth November 2011 | --- | Fifth 25 November 2015 |
| Belgium* (1999) | Third November 2013 | --- | Fourth 22 November 2017 |
| Belize* (1986) | Initial November 1993 | Initial and second 25 June 1996 | --- |
| Benin* (1992) | Second November 2007 | Third 30 December 2011 | --- |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of)* (1999) | Second May 2013 | --- | Third 31 May 2017 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1993) | Second to fifth November 2010 | --- | Sixth 19 November 2014 |
| Brazil* (1989) | Initial May 2001 | Second 27 October 2002 | --- |
| Bulgaria* (1986) | Fourth and fifth November 2011 | --- | Sixth 25 November 2015 |
| Burkina Faso (1999) | Initial November 2013 | --- | Second 22 November 2017 |
| Burundi (1993) | Initial November 2006 | --- | Second Received 18 April 2012 |
| Cambodia* (1992) | Second November 2010 | --- | Third 19 November 2014 |
| Cameroon* (1986) | Fourth May 2010 | Fifth 14 May 2014 | --- |
| Canada* (1987) | Sixth May 2012 | --- | Seventh 1 June 2016 |
| Chad* (1992) | Initial May 2009 | Second 15 May 2012 | --- |
| Chile* (1988) | Fifth May 2009 | Sixth 15 May 2013 | --- |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988) | Fourth November 2008 | --- | Fifth Received 20 June 2013 |
| Colombia* (1987) | Fourth November 2009 | --- | Fifth Received 30 December 2013 |
| Costa Rica* (1993) | Second May 2008 | Third 30 June 2012 | --- |
| Croatia* (1992) | Third May 2004 | --- | Fourth and fifth Received 19 March 2013 |
| Cuba (1995) | Second May 2012 | --- | Third 1 June 2016 |
| Cyprus* (1991) | Fourth May 2014 | --- | Fifth 23 May 2018 |
| Czech Republic* (1993) | Fourth and fifth May 2012 | --- | Sixth 1 June 2016 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996) | Initial November 2005 | Second to fourth 16 April 2009 | --- |
| Denmark* (1987) | Fifth May 2007 | Sixth and seventh 30 June 2011 | --- |
| Djibouti (2002) | Initial November 2011 | --- | Second 25 November 2015 |
| Ecuador* (1988) | Fourth to sixth November 2010 | --- | Seventh 19 November 2014 |
| Egypt (1986) | Fourth November 2002 | Fifth 25 June 2004 | --- |
| El Salvador* (1996) | Second November 2009 | Third 20 November 2013 | --- |
| Estonia* (1991) | Fifth May 2013 | --- | Sixth 31 May 2017 |
| Ethiopia (1994) | Initial November 2010 | --- | Second 19 November 2014 |
| Finland* (1989) | Fifth and sixth May 2011 | --- | Seventh 3 June 2015 |
| France (1986) | Fourth to sixth May 2010 | Seventh 14 May 2014 | --- |
| Gabon* (2000) | Initial November 2012 | --- | Second 23 November 2016 |
| Georgia* (1994) | Third May 2006 | Fourth and fifth 24 November 2011 | --- |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Germany* (1990) | Fifth November 2011 | --- | Sixth 25 November 2015 |
| Ghana (2000) | Initial May 2011 | --- | Second 3 June 2015 |
| Greece* (1988) | Fifth and sixth May 2012 | --- | Seventh 1 June 2016 |
| Guatemala* (1990) | Fifth and sixth May 2013 | --- | Seventh 31 May 2017 |
| Guinea (1989) | Initial May 2014 | --- | Second 23 May 2018 |
| Guyana* (1988) | Initial November 2006 | Second 31 December 2008 | --- |
| Holy See (2002) | Initial May 2014 | --- | Second 23 May 2018 |
| Honduras* (1996) | Initial May 2009 | Second 15 May 2013 | --- |
| Hungary* (1987) | Fourth November 2006 | Fifth and sixth 31 December 2010 | --- |
| Iceland* (1996) | Third May 2008 | Fourth 30 June 2012 | --- |
| Indonesia (1998) | Second May 2008 | Third 30 June 2012 | --- |
| Ireland* (2002) | Initial May 2011 | --- | Second 3 June 2015 |
| Israel* (1991) | Fourth May 2009 | Fifth 15 May 2013 | --- |
| Italy* (1989) | Fourth and fifth May 2007 | Sixth 30 June 2011 | --- |
| Japan* (1999) | Second May 2013 | --- | Third 31 May 2017 |
| Jordan* (1991) | Second May 2010 | --- | Third Received 3 July 2014 |
| Kazakhstan (1998) | Second November 2008 | --- | Third Received 3 July 2013 |
| Kenya* (1997) | Second May 2013 | --- | Third 31 May 2017 |
| Kuwait* (1996) | Second May 2011 | --- | Third 3 June 2015 |
| Kyrgyzstan* (1997) | Second November 2013 | --- | Third 23 November 2017 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Latvia* (1992) | Third to fifth November 2013 | --- | Sixth 22 November 2017 |
| Libya* (1989) | Third May 1999 | Fourth 14 June 2002 | --- |
| Liechtenstein* (1990) | Third May 2010 | Fourth 14 May 2014 | --- |
| Lithuania* (1996) | Third May 2014 | --- | Fourth 23 May 2018 |
| Luxembourg* (1987) | Fifth May 2007 | --- | Sixth and seventh Received 14 January 2014 |
| Madagascar (2005) | Initial November 2011 | --- | Second 25 November 2015 |
| Malta* (1990) | Second November 1999 | Third 12 December 2000 | --- |
| Mauritania | Initial May 2013 | --- | Second 31 May 2017 |
| Mauritius* (1992) | Third May 2011 | --- | Fourth 3 June 2015 |
| Mexico* (1986) | Fifth and sixth November 2012 | --- | Seventh 23 November 2016 |
| Monaco* (1991) | Fourth and fifth May 2011 | --- | Sixth 3 June 2015 |
| Mongolia* (2002) | Initial November 2010 | --- | Second 19 November 2014 |
| Montenegro* (2006) | Second May 2014 | --- | Third 23 May 2018 |
| Morocco* (1993) | Fourth November 2011 | --- | Fifth 25 November 2015 |
| Mozambique (1999) | Initial November 2013 | --- | Second 22 November 2017 |
| Namibia (1994) | Initial May 1997 | Second 27 December 1999 | --- |
| Nepal (1991) | Second November 2005 | Third to fifth 12 June 2008 | --- |
| Netherlands* (1988) | Sixth May 2013 | --- | Seventh 31 May 2017 |
| New Zealand* (1989) | Fifth May 2009 | --- | Sixth Received 20 December 2013 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Nicaragua (2005) | Initial May 2009 | Second 15 May 2013 | --- |
| Norway* (1986) | Sixth and seventh November 2012 | --- | Eighth 23 November 2016 |
| Panama (1987) | Third May 1998 | Fourth 27 September 2000 | --- |
| Paraguay* (1990) | Fourth to sixth November 2011 | --- | Seventh 25 November 2015 |
| Peru* (1988) | Fifth and sixth November 2012 | --- | Seventh 23 November 2016 |
| Philippines* (1986) | Second May 2009 | Third 15 May 2013 | --- |
| Poland* (1989) | Fifth and sixth November 2013 | --- | Seventh 22 November 2017 |
| Portugal* (1989) | Fifth and sixth November 2013 | --- | Seventh 22 November 2017 |
| Qatar* (2000) | Second November 2012 | --- | Third 23 November 2016 |
| Republic of Korea* (1995) | Second May 2006 | Third to fifth 7 February 2012 | --- |
| Republic of Moldova* (1995) | Second November 2009 | Third 20 November 2013 | --- |
| Romania* (1990) | Initial May 1992 | --- | Second Received 24 January 2014 |
| Russian Federation* (1987) | Fifth November 2012 | --- | Sixth 23 November 2016 |
| Rwanda (2008) | Initial May 2012 | --- | Second 1 June 2016 |
| Saudi Arabia (1997) | Initial May 2002 | Second 21 October 2002 | --- |
| Senegal* (1986) | Third November 2012 | --- | Fourth 23 November 2016 |
| Serbia* (2001) | Initial November 2008 | --- | Second Received 10 October 2013 |
| Sierra Leone (2001) | Initial May 2014 | --- | Second 23 May 2018 |
| Slovakia* (1993) | Second November 2009 | --- | Third Received 18 November 2013 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Slovenia* (1993) | Third May 2011 | --- | Fourth 3 June 2015 |
| South Africa (1998) | Initial November 2006 | Second 31 December 2009 | --- |
| Spain* (1987) | Fifth November 2009 | --- | Sixth Received 23 December 2013 |
| Sri Lanka (1994) | Third and fourth November 2011 | --- | Fifth 25 November 2015 |
| Sweden* (1986) | Fifth May 2008 | --- | Sixth and seventh Received 11 March 2013 |
| Switzerland* (1986) | Fifth and sixth May 2010 | --- | Seventh Received 27 June 2014 |
| Syrian Arab Republic (2004) | Initial May 2010 | Second 14 May 2014 | --- |
| Tajikistan (1995) | Second November 2012 | --- | Third 23 November 2016 |
| Thailand (2007) | Initial May 2014 | --- | Second 23 May 2018 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (1994) | Second May 2008 | --- | Third Received 6 September 2013 |
| Togo* (1987) | Second November 2012 | --- | Third 23 November 2016 |
| Tunisia (1988)** | Second November 1998 | --- | Third Received 16 November 2009 |
| Turkey* (1988) | Third November 2010 | --- | Fourth 19 November 2014 |
| Turkmenistan (1999) | Initial May 2011 | --- | Second 3 June 2015 |
| Uganda* (1986) | Initial May 2005 | Second 25 June 2008 | --- |
| Ukraine* (1987) | Fifth May 2007 | --- | Sixth Received 4 March 2013 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988) | Fifth May 2013 | --- | Sixth 31 May 2017 |
| United States of America* (1994) | Second May 2006 | --- | Third to fifth Received 12 August 2013 |

| <i>Periodic reports</i> | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>State party (since)</i> | <i>Last examination</i> | <i>Overdue since</i> | <i>Due/received</i> |
| Uruguay* (1986) | Third May 2014 | --- | Fourth 23 May 2018 |
| Uzbekistan (1995) | Fourth November 2013 | --- | Fifth 23 November 2017 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991) | Second and third May 2002 | --- | Third and fourth Received 11 September 2012 |
| Yemen (1991) | Second May 2010 | Third 14 May 2014 | --- |
| Zambia* (1998) | Second May 2008 | Third 30 June 2012 | --- |

* States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-third session is given below:

Tuesday, 4 November

10 a.m. Sweden: sixth and seventh periodic reports CAT/C/SWE/6-7

Wednesday, 5 November

10 a.m. Ukraine: sixth periodic report CAT/C/UKR/6

3 p.m. Sweden: replies

Thursday, 6 November

10 a.m. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): third and fourth periodic reports CAT/C/VEN/3-4

3 p.m. Ukraine: replies

Friday, 7 November

3 p.m. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): replies

Monday, 10 November

10 a.m. Australia: fourth and fifth periodic reports CAT/C/AUS/4-5

Tuesday, 11 November

10 a.m. Burundi: second periodic report CAT/C/BDI/2

3 p.m. Australia: replies

Wednesday, 12 November

10 a.m. United States of America: third to fifth periodic reports CAT/C/USA/3-5

3 p.m. Burundi: replies

Thursday, 13 November

10 a.m. Croatia: fourth and fifth periodic reports CAT/C/HRV/4-5

3 p.m. United States of America: replies

Friday, 14 November

3 p.m. Croatia: replies

Monday, 17 November

10 a.m. Kazakhstan: third periodic report CAT/C/KAZ/3

Tuesday, 18 November

3 p.m. Kazakhstan: replies

6. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the Committee's rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

7. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider communications which have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the Committee's rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.
