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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The 112th session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 7 to 31 October 2014. The first meeting will be convened (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room) on Tuesday, 7 October 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 Chair of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the 112th session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 112th session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. As established under rule 95 of the Committee's rules of procedure, a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to the 112th session. The pre-session working group will meet from 29 September to 3 October 2014.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner

The High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner will open the 112th session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-session working group on individual communications

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

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

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The following meetings have accordingly been scheduled: United Nations organizations and specialized agencies on 7 October from 10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; national human rights institutions and NGOs on Sri Lanka, Burundi and Haiti on 7 October from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; national human rights institutions and NGOs on Montenegro and Malta on 13 October from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.; and NGOs from Israel on 17 October from 17.15 p.m. to 18.00 p.m.

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

The reports to be considered during the 112th session are those of Sri Lanka, Burundi, Haiti, Malta, Montenegro and Israel. A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 112th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

Sri Lanka	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/LKA/5)	Tuesday, 7 October, p.m. Wednesday, 8 October, a.m.
Burundi	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/BDI/2)	Wednesday, 8 October, p.m. Thursday, 9 October, a.m.
Haiti	Initial report (CCPR/C/HTI/1)	Thursday, 9 October, p.m. Friday, 10 October, a.m.
Malta	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/MLT/2)	Monday, 13 October, p.m. Tuesday, 14 October, a.m.
Montenegro	Initial report (CCPR/C/MNE/1)	Tuesday, 14 October, p.m. Wednesday, 15 October, a.m.
Israel	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/ISR/4)	Monday, 20 October, a.m. and p.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 112th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Canada, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

A country report task force will examine and adopt a list of issues prior to reporting for Switzerland.

6. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports

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

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 457 communications were pending before the Committee as at 1 August 2014. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views or decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

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

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