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Annotations

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

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the thirty-ninth meeting of States parties to the Covenant, held on 17 June 2022, will make the following solemn declaration:

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

2. Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 39 (1) of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee will elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

* The present document was submitted after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.



Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the officers of the Committee will be elected for a term of two years. Pursuant to rule 60 of the rules of procedure, elections will be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

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

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

The 137th session of the Committee will be held from 27 February to 24 March 2023. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 35 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

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

5. 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. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: on 27 February, on Egypt, Peru, Turkmenistan and Zambia, with United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and national human rights institutions, from 10.30 a.m. to noon, and with non-governmental organizations, from 3 to 5 p.m.; and on 6 March, on Panama and Sri Lanka, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from 10 to 10.30 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 10.30 a.m. to noon.

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

The reports of Egypt, Panama, Peru, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan and Zambia will be considered during the 137th session of the Committee. A tentative schedule for the consideration of the reports, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Date</i>
Egypt	Fifth periodic report (CCPR/C/EGY/5)	Tuesday, 28 February, afternoon Wednesday, 1 March, morning
Turkmenistan	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/TKM/3)	Wednesday, 1 March, afternoon Thursday, 2 March, morning
Zambia	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/ZMB/4)	Thursday, 2 March, afternoon Friday, 3 March, morning
Peru	Sixth periodic report (CCPR/C/PER/6)	Friday, 3 March, afternoon Monday, 6 March, afternoon Tuesday, 7 March, afternoon

<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Date</i>
Sri Lanka	Sixth periodic report (CCPR/C/LKA/6)	Wednesday, 8 March, morning Wednesday, 8 March, afternoon Thursday, 9 March, morning
Panama	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/PAN/4)	Thursday, 9 March, afternoon Friday, 10 March, afternoon Monday, 13 March, afternoon

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 137th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues for Namibia, Serbia and the Syrian Arab Republic and a list of issues prior to reporting for Kazakhstan.

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

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

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.

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

Mindful of the provisions under rule 107 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet prior to the 137th session, from 20 to 24 February 2023.

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

A total of 1,165 communications were pending before the Committee as at 14 December 2022.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 110 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

10. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly
