



**International Convention for
the Protection of All Persons
from Enforced Disappearance**

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Second session

26–30 March 2012

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The second session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 26 to 30 March 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 26 March at 10 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the second session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7, of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Provisional rules of procedure.
5. Communications, information and requests received by the Committee.
6. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee:
 - (a) Reporting guidelines;
 - (b) Methods of work related to articles 30, 31 and 33 of the Convention;
 - (c) Ratification strategy, development of model laws and other matters.
7. Thematic discussion under the Convention.
8. Meeting with United Nations Member States
9. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.
10. Programme of work of the third session.
11. Treaty-body strengthening update.
12. Report of the Committee on its second session to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 7, of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

The second session of the Committee will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances

The Committee will hold a minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its second session.

4. Provisional rules of procedure

The Committee will revise the provisional rules of procedure adopted during its first session in order to assess whether any further amendments are required.

5. Communications, information and requests received by the Committee

The Committee will consider any communications, information and/or requests it has received in relation to articles 30 to 34 of the Convention.

6. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will, inter alia, discuss: (a) reporting guidelines, to assist States to fulfil their reporting obligations under the Convention; (b) methods of work with regard to its activities under articles 30, 31 and 33 of the Convention; (c) strategy to encourage States to ratify the Convention, development of model laws and other matters.

7. Thematic discussion under the Convention

The Committee will hold a general discussion on topics which it considers deserving special attention, specifically, on women and children victims of enforced disappearances and on non-State actors and enforced disappearances as well as other themes of relevance to the Committee's work, including with a view to identifying themes for future general comments.

8. Meeting with United Nations Member States

Under this item, the Committee may consider holding a meeting with States parties to the Convention, States signatories to the Convention and other United Nations Member States to discuss with them relevant topics under the Convention.

9. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

The Committee will hold a meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

10. Programme of work of the third session

The Committee will discuss the programme of work of its third session, to be held in November 2012.

11. Treaty-body strengthening update

Under this item, the Committee may wish to discuss issues related to the treaty body strengthening process and its implications on the work of the Committee.

12. Report of the Committee on its second session to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session
