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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the Committee's 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.

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under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

The provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure.

2. Organization of work

The fifty-seventh session of the Committee, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson, ground floor) from 22 February to 4 March 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 February at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including its meetings schedule. The attention of States parties is drawn to the tentative programme of work for the session set out in the present document, which was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee in accordance with established practice.

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may prepare general comments based on the various articles and provisions of the Covenant with a view to assisting States parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations. The Committee decided at its fourteenth session, held from 28 April to 17 May 1996, that, as from its fifteenth session, its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (such as days of general discussion, consideration and adoption of general comments, methods of work and submissions by non-governmental organizations) would be conducted under this agenda item.

During the session, the Committee will discuss methods of work, general comments that are under preparation and other matters.

4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee has been discussing follow-up consistently at its sessions, and the issue of follow-up to previous concluding observations is included as an item for discussion during dialogues with delegations, and during the consideration of subsequent periodic reports and of working methods.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the Committee will continue to consider, as required, matters arising from the meetings of the chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, the most recent of which was held from 22 to 26 June 2015. Documentation relating to that meeting is being made available to Committee members. Members will also be informed of activities undertaken by other treaty bodies, where relevant to their work.

6. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of

the reporting States are invited to the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions that may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties, through notes verbales, of the opening date and duration of the fifty-seventh session of the Committee, and invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be considered. A tentative timetable for consideration of those reports has been prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

As at 1 December 2015, 22 reports had been received by the Secretary-General and were pending consideration by the Committee. Reports of States parties that are tentatively scheduled for consideration at the fifty-seventh session, the fifty-eighth session (to be held from 6 to 24 June 2016) and the fifty-ninth session (to be held from 19 September to 7 October 2016) are set out in the tables below. The reports to be scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixtieth and subsequent sessions, subject to approval by the Committee, will be the next reports received by the Committee, generally in chronological order of receipt and in accordance with the duration of the session.

The following tables do not include States parties that were requested to submit reports by a specific deadline, failing which the Committee would proceed to examine the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in their territories in the absence of a report.

<i>Initial reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
1. Burkina Faso	E/C.12/BFA/1	25 Feb. 2015	30 June 2000	Fifty-eighth session
2. Namibia	E/C.12/NAM/1	13 Oct. 2014	30 June 1997	Fifty-seventh session
3. Pakistan	E/C.12/PAK/1	16 Oct. 2015	1 May 2010	
<i>Second periodic reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
4. Honduras	E/C.12/HND/2	5 May 2014	30 June 2006	Fifty-eighth session
5. Kenya (second to fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/KEN/2-5	1 July 2013	30 June 2013	Fifty-seventh session
6. Lebanon	E/C.12/LBN/2	20 July 2015	30 June 1995	Fifty-ninth session
7. Liechtenstein (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/LIE/2-3	29 Sept. 2015	30 June 2011	
8. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/MKD/2-4	17 Feb. 2014	30 June 2008	Fifty-eighth session

<i>Third periodic reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
9. Tunisia	E/C.12/TUN/3	1 June 2015	20 June 2000	Fifty-ninth session
10. Yemen	E/C.12/YEM/3	11 July 2013	30 June 2013	Fifty-ninth session
<i>Fourth periodic reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
11. Angola (fourth and fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/AGO/4-5	26 Feb. 2014	30 June 2013	Fifty-eighth session
12. Dominican Republic	E/C.12/DOM/4	29 July 2015	30 June 2015	Fifty-ninth session
13. France	E/C.12/FRA/4	23 May 2013	30 June 2011	Fifty-eighth session
<i>Fifth periodic reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
14. Costa Rica	E/C.12/CRI/5	24 Oct. 2014	30 June 2012	Fifty-ninth session
15. Philippines (fifth and sixth periodic reports)	E/C.12/PHL/5-6	24 Nov. 2014	30 June 2013	Fifty-ninth session
16. Sri Lanka	E/C.12/LKA/5	7 Oct. 2015	30 June 2013	
17. Uruguay	E/C.12/URY/5	22 Nov. 2015	30 June 2015	
<i>Sixth periodic reports</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Tentatively scheduled for consideration</i>
18. Canada	E/C.12/CAN/6	17 Oct. 2012	6 June 2010	Fifty-seventh session
19. Cyprus	E/C.12/CYP/6	15 Oct. 2014	30 June 2014	Fifty-ninth session
20. Poland	E/C.12/POL/6	8 Jan. 2015	30 June 2014	Fifty-ninth session
21. Sweden	E/C.12/SWE/6	26 July 2013	30 June 2013	Fifty-eighth session
22. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	E/C.12/GBR/6	17 June 2014	30 June 2014	Fifty-eighth session

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organizations. The Secretary-General has invited the specialized agencies concerned to designate representatives to provide information.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received. The Committee will have before it under this item the following document:

- Note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/57/2).

8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

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

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee will consider under this item communications that are, or appear to be, submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

In accordance with article 8 of the Optional Protocol and rule 19, paragraph 1, of the provisional rules of procedure under the Optional Protocol, the Committee or its Working Group on Communications shall examine communications in closed meetings.

10. Miscellaneous matters

At its twenty-first session, held in 1999, the Committee decided to include in its agenda a standing item, entitled "Miscellaneous matters", under which it might consider any issue falling outside the scope of other standing agenda items.

Annex

Tentative programme of the fifty-seventh session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (22 February-4 March 2016)

First week: 22-26 February 2016

Monday, 22 February

1st meeting	(public)	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 2	Organization of work
		Item 7	Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
		Item 10	Miscellaneous matters
2nd meeting	(private)	Item 5	Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies
	(private)	Items 3 and 10	Private meetings

Tuesday, 23 February

3rd meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Namibia
4th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Namibia (<i>continued</i>)

Wednesday, 24 February

5th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Namibia (<i>continued</i>)
6th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Canada

Thursday, 25 February

7th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Canada (<i>continued</i>)
8th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Kenya

Friday, 26 February

9th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Kenya (<i>continued</i>)
10th meeting	(public/private)	Items 4 and 10	Informal meeting with States/closed meeting

Second week: 29 February-4 March 2016

Monday, 29 February

11th meeting	(private)	Item 3	Closed meeting
12th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 9	Closed meeting

Tuesday, 1 March

13th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting
14th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting

Wednesday, 2 March

15th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting
16th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting

Thursday, 3 March

17th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting
18th meeting	(private)	Items 3 and 6	Closed meeting

Friday, 4 March

19th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 6 and 9	Closed meeting
20th meeting	(private/public)	Items 3-10	Closed meeting/close of session
