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## **Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with rule 8 of the 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 the officers. Under this item, the Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its twenty-fourth session.

### **2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee**

In accordance with rule 11 of the Committee's rules of procedure, upon assuming their duties, the newly elected members of the Committee will make the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly declare that I shall perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances independently, objectively, honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously.”

### **3. Election of the officers**

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the Committee will elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur, with due regard to equitable geographical representation. In electing its officers, the Committee shall also give consideration to appropriate gender balance and, to the extent possible, rotation among members.

### **4. Tribute to victims of enforced disappearance**

The Committee will pay tribute to victims of enforced disappearance.

### **5. Reports by Committee members on activities undertaken between the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions of the Committee**

The Committee members will share information regarding activities that they have undertaken in relation to the Convention between the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions.

### **6. Information received by the Committee**

The Committee will consider any information received in relation to articles 33 and 34 of the Convention.

### **7. Matters relating to the Committee's methods of work**

#### **(a) Methods of work relating to articles 29 to 34 of the Convention**

The Committee will continue to develop a methodology and working procedures for the implementation of articles 29 to 34 of the Convention.

**(b) Review of the Committee's rules of procedure and methods of work**

The Committee will continue the review of its rules of procedure and methods of work.

**(c) Enforced disappearance in the context of migration**

The Committee will examine and adopt its general comment on enforced disappearance in the context of migration and will plan the organization of a launching event.

**(d) Project of world congress to promote the ratification of the Convention**

The Committee will continue its review of the proposal to organize, with its partners, a world congress to promote the ratification of the Convention.

**(e) Guide to ratification of the Convention**

The Committee will launch its guide to ratification of the Convention.

**(f) Notion of "short-term" enforced disappearance**

The Committee will continue its discussion of its work, in coordination with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, on the notion of short-term enforced disappearance.

**(g) Other matters**

The Committee will discuss any other matters relating to its methods of work.

**8. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention**

The Committee will consider the reports submitted by Cambodia and Mauritania pursuant to article 29 (1) of the Convention;<sup>1</sup> the additional information submitted by The Netherlands pursuant to article 29 (4) of the Convention, and the report on additional information and follow-up to the Committee's visit report for Mexico.<sup>2</sup>

**9. Consideration of lists of issues**

The Committee will examine and adopt lists of issues in relation to the report submitted by Samoa and adopt lists of issues in the absence of a report for the Central African Republic, and Sri Lanka.

**10. Visits by the Committee (art. 33 of the Convention)**

The Committee will address any issues related to visits that it has requested or plans to request, pursuant to article 33 of the Convention, and follow-up on the developments related to its reports on its visits to Mexico and Iraq.

**11. Follow-up to concluding observations on reports of States parties**

The Committee will consider the report of the rapporteurs on follow-up to its concluding observations pursuant to article 29 of the Convention and rule 54 of the rules of procedure.

**12. Consideration of the report on urgent action requests (art. 30 of the Convention)**

The Committee's working group tasked with considering urgent action requests under article 30 of the Convention will report to the Committee on the requests received and the follow-up action taken since the previous session.

<sup>1</sup> [CED/C/KHM/1](#) and [CED/C/MRT/1](#)

<sup>2</sup> [CED/C/NLD/AI/1](#), [CED/C/MEX/AI/2](#) and [CED/C/MEX/OVR/1](#)

**13. Consideration of individual communications (art. 31 of the Convention)**

The Committee will examine individual communications pursuant to article 31 of the Convention.

**14. Follow-up to Views of the Committee**

The Committee will consider the report of the rapporteur on follow-up to its Views pursuant to article 31 and rule 79 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

**15. Reprisals**

The rapporteur on reprisals will report on actions taken regarding any allegations of reprisals received since the twenty-fourth session of the Committee.

**16. Discussion on the General Assembly's consideration of the state of the human rights treaty body system**

The Committee will hold meetings with relevant stakeholders to discuss elements of the General Assembly's consideration of the state of the human rights treaty body system.

**17. Event on the joint statement on "illegal intercountry adoptions"**

The Committee will organize an event to promote its joint statement, with other treaty bodies and special procedures involved, relating to illegal adoptions.

**18. Annual meeting with States Members of the United Nations**

The Committee will hold its annual meeting with States parties and States signatories to the Convention and other States Members of the United Nations to discuss relevant topics under the Convention.

**19. Annual meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms and intergovernmental organizations**

Without prejudice to the development of bilateral meetings with States parties, the Committee will hold its annual meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms and with intergovernmental organizations that work on issues related to enforced disappearance.

**20. Annual meeting with non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders**

Without prejudice to the development of bilateral meetings with victims, NGOs, NHRIs and other stakeholders, the Committee will hold its annual meeting with non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders on the situation of enforced disappearance in States parties to be considered at the present session and on matters relating to the implementation of the Convention.

**21. Meetings with special procedure mandate holders and regional human rights mechanisms**

The Committee will hold meetings with special procedure mandate holders and regional human rights mechanisms to promote cooperation with them and to address specific issues of joint concern.

**22. Provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session**

The Committee will discuss the list of items to be included in the provisional agenda for its twenty-sixth session, to be held from 19 February to 1 March 2024.