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## Annotated provisional agenda\*

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#### **Annotations**

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 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 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 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

#### 2. Organizational and other matters

The seventy-seventh session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 July 2023, and will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General. The 1st meeting will be convened on Monday, 10 July 2023, at 10 a.m.

The Committee will consider its programme of work for the session and any other matters concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

<sup>\*</sup> The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent developments.





## 3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

## States parties to the Convention

As at 19 May 2023, there were 173 States parties to the Convention.

## Reports received

As at 19 May 2023, the Secretary-General had received the following reports, which are pending consideration:

State party	Report
Albania	CAT/C/ALB/3
Andorra	CAT/C/AND/2
Argentina	CAT/C/ARG/7
Armenia	CAT/C/ARM/5
Austria	CAT/C/AUT/7
Azerbaijan	CAT/C/AZE/5
Bahrain	CAT/C/BHR/4
Belarus	CAT/C/BLR/6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Seventh
Bulgaria	CAT/C/BGR/7
Burundi	CAT/C/BDI/3
Cameroon	CAT/C/CMR/6
Chile	CAT/C/CHL/7
Costa Rica	CAT/C/CRI/3
Denmark	CAT/C/DNK/8
Ecuador	CAT/C/ECU/8
Egypt	CAT/C/EGY/5
Estonia	CAT/C/EST/6
Finland	CAT/C/FIN/8
France	CAT/C/FRA/8
Guatemala	Eighth
Honduras	CAT/C/HND/3
Israel	CAT/C/ISR/6
Italy	CAT/C/ITA/7
Jordan	CAT/C/JOR/4
Kuwait	CAT/C/KWT/4

Reports that were not yet available from the Official Document System of the United Nations as at 19 May 2023 can be found at

 $https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails 1. aspx? SessionID=797\&Lang=en.$ 

State party	Report
Liechtenstein	CAT/C/LIE/5
Mauritius	CAT/C/MUS/5
Monaco	CAT/C/MCO/7
Mongolia	CAT/C/MNG/3
Namibia	CAT/C/NAM/3
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	CAT/C/NLD/8
New Zealand	CAT/C/NZL/7
North Macedonia	CAT/C/MKD/4
Norway	CAT/C/NOR/9
Pakistan	CAT/C/PAK/2
Philippines	CAT/C/PHL/4
Qatar	CAT/C/QAT/4
Republic of Korea	CAT/C/KOR/6
Republic of Moldova	CAT/C/MDA/4
Romania	CAT/C/ROU/3
Russian Federation	CAT/C/RUS/7
Senegal	CAT/C/SEN/5
Slovenia	CAT/C/SVN/4
Spain	CAT/C/ESP/7
Switzerland	CAT/C/CHE/8
Tajikistan	CAT/C/TJK/4
Thailand	CAT/C/THA/2
Türkiye	CAT/C/TUR/5
Turkmenistan	CAT/C/TKM/3
Ukraine	CAT/C/UKR/7
United States of America	CAT/C/USA/6

# **Initial reports**

The status of submission of initial reports as at 19 May 2023 was as follows:

State party (since)	Initial reports	
	Overdue since	Date due or received
Angola (2019)	2 November 2020	)
Bahamas (2018)	1 July 2019	
Central African Republic (2016)	10 November 2017	
Comoros (2017)	25 June 2018	
Côte d'Ivoire <sup>a</sup> (1995)	16 January 1997	

	Initial reports	
State party (since)	Overdue since	Date due or received
Dominican Republic <sup>b</sup> (2012)	23 February 2013	
Equatorial Guinea (2002)	6 November 2003	
Eritrea (2014)	25 October 2015	
Eswatini (2004)	25 April 2005	
Fiji (2016)	14 April 2017	
Gambia (2018)	28 October 2019	
Grenada (2019)	27 October 2020	
Guinea-Bissau (2013)	24 October 2014	
Kiribati (2019)	22 August 2020	
Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012)	26 October 2013	
Lesotho <sup>c</sup> (2001)	11 December 2002	
Liberia (2004)	22 October 2005	
Mali <sup>d</sup> (1999)	27 March 2000	
Marshall Islands (2018)	12 April 2019	
Nauru (2012)	26 October 2013	
Oman (2020)	9 July 2021	
Saint Kitts and Nevis (2020)	21 October 2021	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001)	30 August 2002	
Samoa (2019)	28 April 2020	
San Marino (2006)	27 December 2007	
Sao Tome and Principe (2017)	10 February 2018	
South Sudan (2015)	30 May 2016	
Sudan (2021)	9 September 2022	
Suriname (2021)	16 December 2022	
Vanuatu (2011)	11 August 2012	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> On 29 January 2016, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee, owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> On 30 May 2018, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee, owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> On 23 July 2018, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee, owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> On 26 July 2019, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee, owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

# Periodic reports

The status of submission of periodic reports as at 19 May 2023 was as follows:

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
Afghanistan <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Second (April 2017)	Third (12 May 2021)	
Albania (1994)	Second (May 2012)		Third (Received on 19 July 2021)
Algeria (1989)	Third (May 2008)	Fourth (20 June 2012)	
Andorra <sup>a</sup> (2006)	Initial (November 2013)		Second (Received on 9 August 2022)
Antigua and Barbuda (1993)	Review in absence of initial report (July 2017)	Second (11 August 2021)	
Argentina <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Fifth and sixth (April 2017)		Seventh (Received on 12 May 2021)
Armenia <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Fourth (November 2016)		Fifth (Received on 25 December 2020)
Australia <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Sixth (November 2022)		Seventh (Due on 25 November 2026)
Austria <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth (November 2015)		Seventh (Received on 25 February 2020)
Azerbaijan <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Fourth (November 2015)		Fifth (Received on 8 January 2020)
Bahrain <sup>a</sup> (1998)	Second and third (April 2017)		Fourth (Received on 26 May 2021)
Bangladesh (1998)	Initial (July 2019)		Second (Due on 9 August 2023)
Belarus <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Fifth (April 2018)		Sixth (Received on 12 August 2022)
Belgium <sup>a</sup> (1999)	Fourth (July 2021)		Fifth (Due on 30 July 2025)
Belize <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Initial (November 1993)	Initial and second (25 June 1996)	
Benin <sup>a</sup> (1992)	Third (May 2019)	Fourth (17 May 2023)	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999)	Third (November 2021)		Fourth (Due on 3 December 2025)
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Sixth (November 2017)		Seventh (Received on 15 March 2023)
Botswana (2000)	Initial (July 2022)		Second (Due on 29 July 2026)

		Periodic reports	
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
Brazil <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Second (May 2023)		Third (Due on 12 May 2027)
Bulgaria <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Sixth (November 2017)		Seventh (Received on 23 February 2022)
Burkina Faso (1999)	Second (November 2019)		Third (Due on 6 December 2023)
Burundi (1993)	Second (November 2014)		Third (Received on 14 September 2020)
Cabo Verde (1993)	Review in absence of initial report (November 2016)	Second (7 December 2020)	
Cambodia <sup>a</sup> (1992)	Second (November 2010)	Third (19 November 2014)	
Cameroon <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Fifth (November 2017)		Sixth (Received on 11 January 2022)
Canada <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Seventh (November 2018)	Eighth (7 December 2022)	
Chad <sup>a</sup> (1995)	Second (November 2022)		Third (Due on 25 November 2026)
Chile <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Sixth (July 2018)		Seventh (Received on 14 November 2022)
China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988)	Fifth (November 2015)	Sixth (9 December 2019)	
Colombia <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth (May 2023)		Seventh (Due on 12 May 2027)
Congo (2003)	Initial (April 2015)	Second (15 May 2019)	
Costa Rica <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Second (May 2008)		Third (Received on 17 December 2019)
Croatia <sup>a</sup> (1992)	Fourth and fifth (November 2014)	Sixth (28 November 2018)	
Cuba (1995)	Third (May 2022)		Fourth (Due on 13 May 2026)
Cyprus <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Fifth (November 2019)		Sixth (Due on 6 December 2023)
Czechia <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Sixth (May 2018)	Seventh (18 May 2022)	
Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Second (April 2019)	Third (17 May 2023)	

		Periodic reports	
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
Denmark <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth and seventh (November 2015)		Eighth (Received on 9 December 2019)
Djibouti (2002)	Initial (November 2011)	Second (25 November 2015)	
Ecuador <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Seventh (November 2016)		Eighth (Received on 2 December 2020)
Egypt (1986)	Fourth (November 2002)		Fifth (Received on 13 September 2021)
El Salvador <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Third (November 2022)		Fourth (Due on 25 November 2026)
Estonia <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Fifth (May 2013)		Sixth (Received on 9 June 2022)
Ethiopia (1994)	Second (May 2023)		Third (Due on 12 May 2027)
Finland <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Seventh (November 2016)		Eighth (Received on 3 December 2020)
France <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Seventh (April 2016)		Eighth (Received on 15 May 2020)
Gabon <sup>a</sup> (2000)	Initial (November 2012)	Second (23 November 2016)	
Georgia <sup>a</sup> (1994)	Third (May 2006)	Fourth and fifth (24 November 2011)	
Germany <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Sixth (April 2019)	Seventh (17 May 2023)	
Ghana <sup>a</sup> (2000)	Initial (May 2011)	Second (3 June 2015)	
Greece <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Seventh (July 2019)		Eighth (Due on 9 August 2023)
Guatemala <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Seventh (November 2018)		Eighth (Received on 13 March 2023)
Guinea (1989)	Initial (May 2014)	Second (23 May 2018)	
Guyana <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Initial (November 2006)	Second (31 December 2008)	
Holy See	Initial (May 2014)	Second (23 May 2018)	
Honduras <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Second (July 2016)		Third (Received on 15 September 2020)
Hungary <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Fourth (November 2006)	Fifth and sixth (31 December 2010)	

	Periodic reports			
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)	
Iceland <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Fourth (May 2022)		Fifth (Due on 13 May 2026)	
Indonesia (1998)	Second (May 2008)	Third (30 June 2012)		
Iraq <sup>a</sup> (2011)	Second (May 2022)		Third (Due on 13 May 2026)	
Ireland <sup>a</sup> (2002)	Second (July 2017)	Third (11 August 2021)		
Israel <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Fifth (May 2016)		Sixth (Received on 30 December 2020)	
Italy <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Fifth and sixth (November 2017)		Seventh (Received on 7 December 2021)	
Japan <sup>a</sup> (1999)	Second (May 2013)	Third (31 May 2017)		
Jordan <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Third (November 2015)		Fourth (Received on 19 February 2021)	
Kazakhstan (1998)	Fourth (May 2023)		Fifth (Due on 12 May 2027)	
Kenya <sup>a</sup> (1997)	Third (May 2022)		Fourth (Due on 13 May 2026)	
Kuwait <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Third (July 2016)		Fourth (Received on 14 August 2020)	
Kyrgyzstan <sup>a</sup> (1997)	Third (November 2021)		Fourth (Due on 3 December 2025)	
Latvia <sup>a</sup> (1992)	Sixth (November 2019)		Seventh (Due on 6 December 2023)	
Lebanon (2000)	Initial (April 2017)	Second (12 May 2021)		
Libya <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Third (May 1999)	Fourth (14 June 2002)		
Liechtenstein <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Fourth (November 2015)		Fifth (Received on 5 December 2019)	
Lithuania <sup>a</sup> (1996)	Fourth (November 2021)		Fifth (Due on 3 December 2025)	
Luxembourg <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Eighth (May 2023)		Ninth (Due on 12 May 2027)	
Madagascar (2005)	Initial (November 2011)	Second (25 November 2015)		
Malawi (1996)	Initial (November 2022)		Second (Due on 25 November 2020	

	Periodic reports			
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)	
Maldives <sup>a</sup> (2004)	Initial (November 2018)	Second (7 December 2022)		
Malta <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Second (November 1999)	Third (12 December 2000)		
Mauritania (2004)	Second (July 2018)	Third (10 August 2022)		
Mauritius <sup>a</sup> (1992)	Fourth (November 2017)		Fifth (Received on 30 November 2021)	
Mexico <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Seventh (May 2019)	Eighth (17 May 2023)		
Monaco <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Sixth (November 2016)		Seventh (Received on 9 December 2020)	
Mongolia <sup>a</sup> (2002)	Second (August 2016)		Third (Received on 9 July 2021)	
Montenegro <sup>a</sup> (2006)	Third (May 2022)		Fourth (Due on 13 May 2026)	
Morocco <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Fourth (November 2011)	Fifth (25 November 2015)		
Mozambique (1999)	Initial (November 2013)	Second (22 November 2017)		
Namibia <sup>a</sup> (1994)	Second (November 2016)		Third (Received on 19 May 2021)	
Nepal (1991)	Second (November 2005)	Third to fifth (12 June 2008)		
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Seventh (November 2018)		Eighth (Received on 23 December 2022)	
New Zealand <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Sixth (April 2015)		Seventh (Received on 25 September 2019)	
Nicaragua (2005)	Second (July 2022)		Third (Due on 29 July 2026)	
Niger <sup>a</sup> (1998)	Initial (November 2019)		Second (Due on 6 December 2023)	
Nigeria (2001)	Review in absence of initial report (November 2021)		Second (Due on 3 December 2025)	
North Macedonia <sup>a</sup> (1994)	Third (May 2015)		Fourth (Received on 29 June 2020)	
Norway <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Eighth (April 2018)		Ninth (Received on 12 May 2022)	
Pakistan (2010)	Initial (April 2017)		Second (Received on 16 June 2022)	

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State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
Panama <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Fourth (August 2017)	Fifth (11 August 2021)	
Paraguay <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Seventh (July 2017)	Eighth (11 August 2021)	
Peru <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Seventh (November 2018)	Eighth (7 December 2022)	
Philippines <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Third (April 2016)		Fourth (Received on 21 June 2022)
Poland <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Seventh (July 2019)		Eighth (Due on 9 August 2023)
Portugal <sup>a</sup> (1989)	Seventh (November 2019)		Eighth (Due on 6 December 2023)
Qatar <sup>a</sup> (2000)	Third (May 2018)		Fourth (Received on 20 September 2022)
Republic of Korea <sup>a</sup> (1995)	Third to fifth (May 2017)		Sixth (Received on 12 July 2021)
Republic of Moldova <sup>a</sup> (1995)	Third (November 2017)		Fourth (Received on 28 March 2022)
Romania <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Second (April 2015)		Third (Received on 30 September 2019)
Russian Federation <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth (August 2018)		Seventh (Received on 7 December 2022)
Rwanda (2008)	Second (November 2017)	Third (6 December 2021)	
Saudi Arabia <sup>a</sup> (1997)	Second (April 2016)	Third (13 May 2020)	
Senegal <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Fourth (April 2018)		Fifth (Received on 24 June 2022)
Serbia <sup>a</sup> (2001)	Third (November 2021)		Fourth (Due on 3 December 2025)
Seychelles (1992)	Initial (July 2018)	Second (10 August 2022)	
Sierra Leone (2001)	Initial (May 2014)	Second (23 May 2018)	
Slovakia <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Fourth (May 2023)		Fifth (Due on 12 May 2027)
Slovenia <sup>a</sup> (1993)	Third (May 2011)		Fourth (Received on 11 October 2019)
Somalia <sup>a</sup> (1990)	Initial (November 2022)		Second (Due on 25 November 2026)

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
South Africa <sup>a</sup> (1998)	Second (May 2019)	Third (17 May 2023)	
Spain <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth (April 2015)		Seventh (Received on 4 June 2019)
Sri Lanka (1994)	Fifth (November 2016)	Sixth (7 December 2020)	
State of Palestine <sup>a</sup> (2014)	Initial (July 2022)		Second (Due on 29 July 2026)
Sweden <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Eighth (November 2021)		Ninth (Due on 3 December 2025)
Switzerland <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Seventh (August 2015)		Eighth (Received on 16 July 2019)
Syrian Arab Republic (2004)	Initial (May 2010)	Second (14 May 2014)	
Tajikistan (1995)	Third (May 2018)		Fourth (Received on 21 May 2022)
Thailand <sup>a</sup> (2007)	Initial (May 2014)		Second (Received on 4 January 2021)
Timor-Leste (2003)	Initial (November 2017)	Second (6 December 2021)	
$Togo^a (1987)$	Third (July 2019)		Fourth (Due on 9 August 2023)
Tunisia <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Third (April 2016)	Fourth (13 May 2020)	
Türkiye <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Fourth (April 2016)		Fifth (Received on 27 October 2020)
Turkmenistan (1999)	Second (November 2016)		Third (Received on 7 December 2020)
Uganda <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Second (November 2022)		Third (Due on 25 November 2026)
Ukraine <sup>a</sup> (1987)	Sixth (November 2014)		Seventh (Received on 30 November 2018)
United Arab Emirates (2012)	Initial (July 2022)		Second (Due on 29 July 2026)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>a</sup> (1988)	Sixth (May 2019)	Seventh (17 May 2023)	
United States of America <sup>a</sup> (1994)	Third to fifth (November 2014)		Sixth (Received on 24 September 2021)

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	Last report examined (date of examination)	Next report overdue (since)	Next report (date due or received)
Uruguay <sup>a</sup> (1986)	Fourth (May 2022)		Fifth (Due on 13 May 2026)
Uzbekistan (1995)	Fifth (November 2019)		Sixth (Due on 6 December 2023)
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991)	Third and fourth (November 2014)	Fifth (28 November 2018)	
Viet Nam (2015)	Initial (November 2018)	Second (7 December 2022)	
Yemen <sup>a</sup> (1991)	Second (May 2010)	Third (14 May 2014)	
Zambia <sup>a</sup> (1998)	Second (May 2008)	Third (30 June 2012)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> State party submitting a report under the simplified reporting procedure.

# 4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

The attention of States parties is drawn to the tentative timetable set out below for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports are examined.

Date and time of meeting	Report	Symbol
Wednesday, 12 July 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Switzerland: eighth periodic report	CAT/C/CHE/8
Thursday, 13 July 3–6 p.m.	Switzerland: replies	
Tuesday, 18 July 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	New Zealand: seventh periodic report	CAT/C/NZL/7
Wednesday, 19 July 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3–6 p.m.	Romania: third periodic report New Zealand: replies	CAT/C/ROU/3
Thursday, 20 July 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3–6 p.m.	Spain: seventh periodic report Romania: replies	CAT/C/ESP/7
Friday, 21 July 3–6 p.m.	Spain: replies	

#### 5. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee considers information that has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20 (5) of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its

functions under article 20 of the Convention are confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article are closed.

#### 6. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, the Committee considers communications that have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention. In accordance with article 22 (6) of the Convention and rule 107 (1) of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined are closed.