

**COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(CERD)**

104th session (09 – 25 August 2021)

*Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva (online Session)*

**INFORMATION NOTE
NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)**

States parties reports

The Committee will examine the reports of the following two State parties during its **104th session (online): Lebanon and Netherlands.**

CERD Committee Members

The CERD Committee consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all CERD members, see:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/Membership.aspx>

Decision of the Committee

At its seventy-seventh session, on the 3 August 2010, the Committee held an informal meeting with representatives of non-governmental organizations to discuss ways and means of strengthening cooperation. The Committee decided to have *informal meetings* with non-governmental organizations, at the beginning of each week of its sessions when States parties' reports are being discussed (Annual Report, see A/65/18, para.87). The Committee welcomes representatives of national and international NGOs to provide

country-specific information on States parties whose reports are before the Committee.

Documentation

The reports of the two States parties to be considered at the 104th session, the provisional agenda (CERD/C/104/1) and other documents pertaining to the session will be posted shortly on our [web page](#).

Venue

The 104th session of the Committee will take place **Online in Geneva.**

NGO reports for the Committee at its sessions

The Committee welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible from international, regional, national and local organizations. NGO "alternative reports" which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the Government concerned, are especially welcome. NGO reports prepared by coalitions, rather than individual NGOs, are also encouraged.

List of issues prior to reporting

At the 104th session, CERD will **adopt the list of issues prior to reporting on India.**

All submissions to CERD should:

1. Be submitted in English, French or Spanish. As most Committee members use English as their preferred working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English, an executive summary can be provided in English, instead. Please note that **the UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NGOs.**
2. Be transmitted to the CERD Secretariat electronically on **CERD@ohchr.org** the reports relating to the main review should be transmitted before **19 July 2021**. The requests under **Early Warning Urgent Action Procedures (EWUAP)** should be submitted before **8 July 2021**. The reports relating to the **Follow-up** assessment to concluding observations should be submitted by **19 July 2021**. Reports for the

adoption of the **List of issues prior to reporting on India** should also be submitted before **8 July 2021**.

CERD will assess follow-up reports received from the following States parties: Colombia, El Salvador, Lithuania and Uzbekistan.

3. Hard copies not needed.