

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(CERD)

104th session (9 – 25 August 2021)

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**INFORMATION NOTE
FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRIs)**

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 details about all CERD members, see:

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

Participation of NHRIs

The Committee examines all initial and periodic reports in public meetings, which NHRIs representatives can attend. The Committee recognizes the important role that NHRIs play in combating racism and racial discrimination. In its General Recommendation 28, paragraph 2 (a), the Committee recommended that NHRIs assist their respective States to comply with their reporting obligations and closely monitor the follow-up to the

concluding observations and recommendations of the Committee.

Furthermore, according to the Committee's practice, NHRIs accredited with an "A" status by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institution (GANHRI), with the consent of the concerned State party, can address the Committee in plenary on issues related to the dialogue between the Committee and a State party, on the first day of the consideration of the report after the statements made by the delegation and the country Rapporteur.

Documentation

The reports of the two State parties are scheduled at the 104th session, the provisional agenda (CERD/C/104/1) and other documents pertaining to the session will be available soon at our [web page](#).

Venue

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

NHRIs reports

The Committee welcomes written information submitted by NHRIs in relation to the implementation of the Convention by States parties whose reports are to be considered. Submissions under the Early warning and urgent action procedure and under the Follow-up procedure as well as for the adoption of the List of issues prior to reporting on **India** are welcome.

List of issues prior to reporting

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

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 in English can be provided instead. Please note that the **UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NHRIs.**
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 by **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.