



# International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

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## Committee on Enforced Disappearances

### Eighth session

2–13 February 2015

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

### Adoption of the agenda

## Provisional agenda and annotations

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The eighth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 2 to 13 February 2015. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 2 February at 10 a.m.
2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the eighth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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## **Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the eighth session**

The eighth session of the Committee will be opened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or his representative.

### **2. Minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances**

The Committee will hold a minute of silence in remembrance of victims of enforced disappearances.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda for its eighth session.

### **4. Communications, requests for urgent actions and information received by the Committee**

The Committee will consider any communication, request for urgent action and information it has received in relation to articles 30–34 of the Convention.

## **5. Matters related to the methods of work of the Committee**

Under this item, the Committee will discuss, inter alia: (a) methods of work with regard to its activities under articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention; (b) interaction with relevant stakeholders; and (c) the strategy to encourage States to ratify the Convention and other matters.

### **(a) Methods of work related to articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention**

The Committee will continue its work on developing methodology and working procedures for the implementation of articles 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Convention.

### **(b) Interaction with relevant stakeholders**

The Committee will discuss its relationship with national human rights institutions with a view to adopting a document in this regard.

### **(c) Strategy for ratification and other matters**

The Committee will examine the rate of ratification of the Convention and discuss strategies to encourage ratification of the Convention and acceptance of the competence of the Committee, under articles 31 and 32 of the Convention, as well as other matters.

## **6. Consideration of reports of States parties to the Convention**

The Committee will consider during the eighth session the reports submitted by Mexico, Armenia and Serbia pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the eighth session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Mexico (CED/C/MEX/1): Monday 2 February 2015 (a.m. and p.m.) and Tuesday 3 February 2015 (a.m.);

Armenia (CED/C/ARM/1): Tuesday 3 February 2015 (p.m.) and Wednesday 4 February 2015 (a.m.);

Serbia (CED/C/SRB/1): Wednesday 4 February 2015 (p.m.) and Thursday 5 February 2015 (a.m.).

In accordance with rule 51 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its eighth session.

## **7. Consideration of lists of issues**

The Committee will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports submitted by Montenegro (CED/C/MNE/1) and Iraq (CED/C/IRQ/1) pursuant to article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

## **8. Consideration of requests for urgent actions (article 30 of the Convention)**

The Special Rapporteur on urgent actions will inform the Committee of the urgent action requests received and the follow-up actions taken since the last session, pursuant to article 30 of the Convention.

## **9. Consideration of individual communications (article 31 of the Convention)**

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

**10. Meeting with States Members of the United Nations**

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

**11. Meeting with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations**

The Committee will meet with United Nations agencies and mechanisms, and intergovernmental organizations which work on issues related to enforced disappearance.

**12. Meeting with national human rights institutions**

The Committee will hold a meeting with national human rights institutions on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

**13. Meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders**

The Committee will hold a meeting with non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Convention.

**14. Provisional agenda for the ninth session**

The Committee will discuss the provisional agenda for its ninth session, to be held from 7 to 18 September 2015.

**15. Treaty body strengthening update**

Under this item, the Committee will discuss issues related to the treaty body strengthening process, including harmonization.

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