Programme of Work – 15th session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

9 – 11 April and 26 - 30 May 2025

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| *1st segment 9 – 11 April 2025/Tempus Palais des Nations* | | | | | |
|  | Monday 07.04 | Tuesday 08.04 | Wednesday 09.04 | Thursday 10.04 | Friday 11.04 |
| 10:00 – 13:00 |  |  | Item 1  Opening of the Session  OHCHR  Item 2  Election of the Chairperson  Item 3  Adoption of the Programme of Work  --  General statements | Commemorative session of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of ICERD  Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights    H.E. Ambassador Francisco Cali Tzay, Permanent Representative of Guatemala  Mr. Michal Balcerzak, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (video message)  Representative of Human Rights mechanism (video message TBC)    Panelist (TBD) | Item 6 continued  Discussion on the  Chairperson’s draft document |
| 15:00 – 18:00 |  |  | Item 4  Discussion on para. 129 (a)  The list of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature, including but not limited to those listed in article 4 of the Convention, to be criminalized, taking into account the threshold of each act  (Pre-recorded video message)  Item 5  Discussion on para. 130 (a)  Definition of profiling in criminal law, elements for the criminalization of racial profiling and objective and reasonable grounds on which the crime or offence of racial profiling would be excluded  (Pre-recorded video message) | Item 5 continued  Discussion on para 130 (c)  Different options for grounds on which xenophobia could be prohibited and criminalized, including as separate ground under the notion of foreignness  (Pre-recorded video message)  Item 6  Discussion on the  Chairperson’s draft document | Item 7  Discussion on preliminary conclusions and recommendations of the session |

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| *2nd segment 26-30 May 2025/ Palais Wilson* | | | | | |
|  | Monday 26.05 | Tuesday 27.05 | Wednesday 28.05 | Thursday 29.05 | Friday 30.05 |
| 10:00 – 13:00 | Item 1  Opening of the second segment  Item 5 continued  Discussion on para. 130 (b)  How and whether the prohibition of racial profiling could be extended beyond the context of law enforcement, such as the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights  Discussion on para. 130 (d)  Concrete options for addressing in the draft additional protocol discrimination based on religion or belief, taking into consideration the intersectionality of various forms of discrimination as aggravating factors | Item 5 continued  Discussion on para 130 (g)  Elements and grounds for excluding from responsibility States, individuals and legal entities for acts of a racist and xenophobic nature  Item 4  Discussion on para 129 (b)  Elements of the personal jurisdiction of the draft additional protocol | Item 4 continued  Discussion on para. 129 (e)  Elements of draft provisions on the explicit prohibition and possible criminalization of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature to be listed in accordance with paragraph (a) above committed by individuals and legal entities, and pursuant to article 2 (1) (d) of the Convention  Discussion on para 129 (f)  Elements of draft provisions on the explicit prohibition and possible criminalization of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature to be listed in accordance with paragraph (a) above committed by a State, and pursuant to articles 2 (1) (a), (b) and (c)  and 4 (c) of the Convention | Item 4 continued  Discussion on para 129 (i)  Elements of draft provisions on non-criminal measures in response to, and prevention of the commission of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature against persons or groups of persons, including mediation, reconciliation, rehabilitation, non-repetition, education, and other relevant measures  Discussion on para 129 (j)  Elements of draft provisions on responses to acts of a racist and xenophobic nature to be addressed under domestic legislation  Item 6  Discussion on the  Chairperson’s draft document | Item 7 continued  Discussion on  conclusions and recommendations of the session |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | Item 5 continued  Discussion on para 130 (e)  Elements for the criminalization of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed online and in cyberspace through digital tools, artificial intelligence and new technologies and the modalities of States’ obligations, the liability of individuals and legal entities including the applicable law and the determination of State jurisdiction  Discussion on para 130 (f)  Mitigating factors that could be considered for criminal liability, including the age of the perpetrator of acts of a racist or xenophobic nature | Item 4 continued  Discussion on para. 129 (c)  Proposed definitions of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature with elements for their criminalization    Discussion on para 129 (d)  Proposed definitions of other terms and notions that could be integrated into the draft additional protocol and guidance on their suitability or lack thereof in the context of the draft additional protocol | Item 4 continued  Discussion on para 129 (g)  Elements of draft provisions on the procedural guarantees for the accused, in particular the right to a fair trial  Discussion on para 129 (h)  Elements of draft provisions on the rights of the victim, in particular the right to protection, remedies, to access to justice, to seek effective, prompt and adequate reparation for the harm suffered and to access to relevant information concerning violations and reparation mechanisms | Item 6 continued  Discussion on the  Chairperson’s draft document  Item 7  Discussion on  conclusions and recommendations of the session | Item 8  Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the  15th session |