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aspect of these benchmarks. Finally, the Committee has to undertake a critical assessment of the outcome benchmarks. For instance, it may be very difficult to criticize a State's noncompliance of a particular outcome situation, if the state has met its structural and process obligations. A comprehensive assessment also requires to take the factors into account that the state can not or can only influence with a great difficulty.

... The IBSA process thus has a Janus-type appearance: it looks back, in order to assess the past reporting period; it looks forward, in order to target future developments in the fuller realization of rights. Looking back, it may force the State party to candidly assess for itself, why certain targets were not met, or could not be met, and this will enable the State party to set realistic new benchmarks for the next reporting period.

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