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**Human Rights Committee**

Concluding observations on the second periodic report of Afghanistan[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

1. The Committee considered the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports of country (CCPR/C/XXX/Y) at its number and number meetings (see CCPR/C/SR.XXX and XXX), held on dates. At its number meeting, held on date, it adopted the present concluding observations.

A. Introduction

[2. The Committee welcomes the [timely] submission of the [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports of country [, albeit somewhat late,] [, albeit XX years late,] and the information presented therein. It expresses appreciation for the opportunity to renew its constructive dialogue with the State party’s [high-level] delegation on the measures taken during the reporting period to implement the provisions of the Covenant. The Committee is grateful to the State party for its written replies (CCPR/C/XXX/Q/Y/Add.1) to the list of issues (CCPR/C/XXX/Q/Y), which were supplemented by the oral responses provided by the delegation [and for the supplementary information provided to it in writing]. **[[For periodic reports except initial reports and reports prepared on the basis of lists of issues prior to reporting.]]**

[2. The Committee is grateful to the State party for having accepted the simplified reporting procedure and for submitting its [number periodic] reports in response to the list of issues prior to reporting prepared under that procedure (CCPR/C/XXX/QPR/Y). It expresses appreciation for the opportunity to renew its constructive dialogue with the State party’s [high-level] delegation on the measures taken during the reporting period to implement the provisions of the Covenant. The Committee thanks the State party for the oral responses provided by the delegation [and for the supplementary information provided to it in writing].] **[[For reports prepared on the basis of a list of issues prior to reporting.]]**

[2. The Committee welcomes the submission of the initial report of country [, which was XX years overdue,] and the information presented therein. It expresses appreciation for the opportunity to engage in a constructive dialogue with the State party’s [high-level] delegation on the measures taken by the State party since the entry into force of the Covenant to implement its provisions. The Committee is grateful to the State party for its written replies (CCPR/C/XXX/Q/Y/Add.1) to the list of issues (CCPR/C/XXX/Q/Y), which were supplemented by the oral responses provided by the delegation [and for the supplementary information provided to it in writing].] **[[For initial reports.]]**

B. Positive aspects

3. The Committee welcomes the following [legislative and institutional] [institutional and policy] measures taken by the State party:

(a) The ...;

(b) The ….

4. The Committee welcomes the adoption by the State party of the following legislative measures:

(a) The...;

(b) The ….

5. The Committee also welcomes the ratification of, or accession to, the following international instruments by the State party:

(a) [The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities], on date;

(b) [The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment], on date;

(c) ….

6. The Committee welcomes the State party’s declaration made on date, under article 41 of the Covenant, recognizing the competence of the Committee to receive and consider inter-State communications*.* **[[If relevant.]]**

7. The Committee [also] welcomes the State party’s withdrawal of its reservation to article XXof the Covenant on date*.* **[[If relevant.]]**

8. The Committee [further] welcomes the information provided by the State party concerning instances in which provisions of the Covenant were invoked and applied by the national courts. **[[If relevant.]]**

C. Principal matters of concern and recommendations

Views under the Optional Protocol

National human rights institution

D. Dissemination and follow-up

23. The State party should widely disseminate the Covenant, [its first Optional Protocol] [its two Optional Protocols], its [initial] [combined number periodic] [number periodic] reports, [the written replies to the Committee’s list of issues] and the present concluding observations with a view to raising awareness of the rights enshrined in the Covenant among the judicial, legislative and administrative authorities, civil society and non-governmental organizations operating in the country, and the general public. The State party should ensure that the report and the present concluding observations are translated into the [official language(s)] / [into the other official language] of the State party.

24. In accordance with rule 71, paragraph 5, of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the State party is requested to provide, within one year of the adoption of the present concluding observations, information on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in paragraphs X (subject of recommendation), Y (subject of recommendation) and Z (subject of recommendation) above.

[25. **[[Paragraph only for reports prepared on the basis of a list of issues (standard reporting procedure).]]** The Committee requests the State party to submit its next periodic report by date and to include in that report specific up-to-date information on the implementation of the recommendations made in the present concluding observations and of the Covenant as a whole. The Committee also requests the State party, in preparing the report, to broadly consult civil society and non-governmental organizations operating in the country [, as well as minority and marginalized groups]. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/268, the word limit for the report is 21,200 words.] **[[Following wording is only for States parties that have not yet accepted the simplified reporting procedure.]]** Alternatively, the Committee invites the State party to agree, by date, to use its simplified reporting procedure, whereby the Committee transmits a list of issues to the State party prior to the submission of its report. The State party’s response to the list of issues will constitute the next periodic report to be submitted under article 40 of the Covenant.

[25. **[[Paragraph only for reports prepared on the basis of a list of issues prior to reporting.]]**Given that the State party has accepted the simplified reporting procedure, the Committee will transmit to it a list of issues prior to the submission of the report in due course. The State party’s replies to that list will constitute its [number periodic] reports. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/268, the word limit for the report is 21,200 words.]

1. \* Adopted by the Committee at its number session (dates). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)