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Chair: Ms. Crăciunean-Tatu

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The meeting was called to order at 12.30 p.m.

Substantive issues arising from the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (*continued*)

1. **The Chair**, reviewing the activities and meetings that had taken place during the seventy-fifth session, said that the Committee had considered the reports of six States parties, namely Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Mauritania, Romania and Sweden. It had also adopted assessments of the follow-up reports of Belgium and Kuwait. It urged other States parties to submit, at their earliest convenience, follow-up reports that were due or overdue.

2. During the session, the Committee had continued its work on the consideration of individual communications submitted under the Optional Protocol, finding violations of the Covenant in one decision in respect of two individual communications concerning Italy and deciding to discontinue the consideration of 24 individual communications concerning Spain. Work had also continued on several draft general comments.

3. The Committee continued to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, whose contributions to its work were greatly appreciated. The Committee regretted that it was currently not possible to arrange hybrid meetings during formal meeting time and hoped that steps would soon be taken to restore that option. In addition to its meeting with non-governmental organizations, the Committee had held meetings with representatives of the International Labour Organization, the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

4. Owing to a lack of resources, it was not yet possible for the Committee to implement the simplified reporting procedure and the eight-year predictable review cycle. She wished to encourage States parties to submit reports, including any that were long overdue, under the regular reporting procedure. In total, 81 reports were overdue, 32 of them by more than 10 years, and 26 States parties had yet to submit their initial reports. In that regard, the capacity-building programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights was able to provide technical assistance to any State party that required it.

5. At its seventy-sixth session, the Committee would review the periodic reports of Albania, Cyprus, Honduras, Iceland, Kyrgyzstan and Poland and the initial report of Malawi. The pre-sessional working group would adopt lists of issues regarding the reports of Angola, Georgia, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan and Sierra Leone at its seventy-fourth session, and lists of issues regarding the reports of Cabo Verde, North Macedonia, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and Turkmenistan at its seventy-fifth session.

Consideration of reports (*continued*)

(a) Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant (*continued*)

6. **The Chair** said that, if there were no objections, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt its concluding observations on the reports of Indonesia ([E/C.12/IDN/CO/2](#)), Iraq ([E/C.12/IRQ/CO/5](#)), Ireland ([E/C.12/IRL/CO/4](#)), Mauritania ([E/C.12/MRT/CO/2](#)), Romania ([E/C.12/ROU/CO/6](#)) and Sweden ([E/C.12/SWE/CO/7](#)).

7. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

8. **The Chair** declared closed the seventy-fifth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.