**Table – Activities carried out online/ remotely and modalities (as of 27 July 2020)**

(Shadowed columns indicate planned activities)

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| **Treaty body**  **(Noof members)** | **PSWG** | | | | **WG on IC** | | | **Session**\* | | | | | **Other intersessional activities**\*\* | **Challenges/**  **Good practices**\*\*\* |
| **Period** | **Meeting w/ stake-holders** | **Adoption of LOIs/**  **LOIPRs** | **Modalities**  **(Noof members)** | **Period** | **Adoption of drafts** | **Modalities**  **(Noof members)** | **Period** | **Review of SP reports** | **Adoption of IC** | **Other activities** | **Modalities** |
| **CAT**  **(10)** |  |  | LOIPR/LOI adopted by Plenary not by PSWG |  |  | Postponed |  | 1 day  (7/13) | Postponed | Postponed | Art. 20 postponed |  | - Solemn declaration of new members  - Discussion and adoption by a voting procedure of 8 LOIPR and 1 LOI initially scheduled at the April-May 2020 session  - Discussion and adoption by Rapporteurs of 7 LOIPR and 2 LOI scheduled for the Nov-Dec 2020 session  - Discussion and adoption by a voting procedure of Annual Report  - Online registration of individual complaints and issuance of interim measures of protection under the supervision of Rapporteur on IC  - Online follow-up to COB under the supervision of Rapporteur on follow-up under art. 19  - Online activities in relation to reprisals under the supervision of Rapporteur on reprisals | - Confidentiality of IC  - Significant time zones difference among members  - Need to ensure interpretation in the 3 working languages throughout the session and not for part of the session  - Need to ensure a secure platform and connectivity for all members and their partners  - At the July session, Interprefy was not easily accessible for some members while some members had connectivity issues in their country. |
| **CED**  **(10)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 day (3 hrs) (5/4)  plus review of documents through exchange of emails | Postponed  Discussion ongoing for September session. | - | Adoption of 2 LOIs (private) (drafts discussed through email exchanges in advance)  - Adoption of report to the GA (discussed through email and formally adopted through an email message of the Chair)  - Working methods on implementation of art. 29(4) | Webex w/o interpretation (public, private) |  | - Lack of interpretation  -Technical problems w/ platform (Chair could not be heard)  -Different time zones  - For meeting on working methods, simultaneous interpretation was provided by the Secretariat through WhatsApp on an exceptional basis to enable one expert to take part to the meeting. |
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| **CEDAW**  **(23)** | 5 days | Yes, with 19 NGOs, 1 NHRI, 1 other National Institution, 5 UNCTs, and 3 UN entities | 6 LOIs and 3 LOIPRs adopted | 5 members; on Interprefy (with interpretation) and Webex (without interpretation) | 3 days | 8 cases | 5 members on Webex w/o  Interpretation on the 1st day, and on 2nd and 3rd day, on Interprefy 2 hrs and back to Webex for 1 hr | 8 days  (29/6-9/7) | Postponed | 9 cases adopted (unanimously, with a joint dissenting opinion in 1 case:(5 in-admissible; 1 no violation;  2 violations; 1 discontinued) | 8 follow-up assessments to COBs;  1 follow-up assessment to inquiry;  4 decisions on working methods;  Adoption 2 statements;  First reading of 1 inquiry report;  Informal briefing for SPs on draft GR | Interprefy w/ interpretation (public and closed)  Webcasting of public meetings  Webex w/o interpretation (closed) | Remote Bureau meeting (on skype for business) | - Took flexible approach and amended the agenda of session  - Different time zones  - Lack of interpretation  - No accessibility of Interprefy for members w/ disabilities  - Technical problems w/ platform (some experts could not be heard or seen, video of an expert’s PC became non-functional due to broadband app use)  - For adoption of IC: Some experts could not access Extranet; drafts should be circulated much in advance; substantive discussion was compromised due to time pressure; discussion online on jurisprudence setting cases was challenging; summaries of cases should be prepared by rapporteur (ex PPT); cases should be very selective; a lot of preparatory work is needed; online discussion should be less  - Connectivity issues for some members  - Sometimes poor sound quality and background noises/echoes(interferences (need to use headsets with microphone)  - Occasional confusion about separate links used for closed/public meetings  - Coordination with other TBs (CCPR, CAT) to divide Interprefy slots  - Time to migrate from Interprefy to Webex, as Interprefy meetings are limited to 2 hrs  - Need to remind members when meetings are webcast |
| **CERD**  **(18)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - Plenary meeting (17/6) (private, Skype for Business w/o interpretation): solemn declaration of new members; election of bureau; appointment of members of WG on communications, WG on early warning/ urgent action procedures; Rapporteur for GR  - Opened call for input on draft GR  - Issued statement on USA  - Chair sent letter to HC on the name of PW  - WG on early warning/ urgent action procedure (20/7, 27/7)  - Preparing statement on racial discrimination during COVID-19. |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 days (8/4-8/7), 2 hrs per cay | Postponed |  | - Adoption of annual report  - Early warning and urgent action procedure  - IC  -Inter-state communications  - GR  - Amendment of RoP  - Statement of CSO | Interprefy w/  interpretation | - Meetings with SR on racism and UN Women |  |
| **CESCR**  **(18)** | 1 week  (9/3-13/3) | In general, moved to online briefings | 3 LOIs and  4 LOIPRs | In person  full PSWG (5) | Petition | Petitions | Petitions | 68th Session, originally planned for 28/9 – 16/10 | If in person Sessions do not take place, the reviews will be postponed | petitions | LOIs & LOIPRs  GCs  Working Methods  2020 Review; Follow-up | TBC – pending formal decision on in person, and availability of Interprefy, schedule of mtgs |  | Planning is pending currently  Documentation (Agenda etc) will be delayed; Missions, NGOs, colleagues all asking for information; need to plan in advance including for engagement with stakeholders. Decision about in person sessions is key. |
| **CMW**  **(18)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - Solemn declaration of new members  - Internal work on draft GC, annual report, draft LOIs/LOIPRs |  |
| **CRC**  **(18)** | 1 week  (29/6-3/7) | No | 3 LOIPRs | Drafts and comments shared at Extranet and through a silent procedure (EN)  (18) | 2 days  (14/5, 21/5) | 7 cases | Draft and comments shared at Extranet  Webex w/o  Interpretation  (9) |  |  |  |  |  | - Adoption of biennial report through email exchanges and a silent procedure (EN)  - WG on GC  (9 members) by Zoom w/o interpretation (4/5-7/7) | - Lack of interpretation  - Different time zones  - Some members could not access Extranet |
| **CRPD**  **(18)** | 1 week  (3/30-4/3) | No | 6 LOIs and  1 LOIPR | Through email exchanges and a silent procedure (EN) |  |  |  | 11/3-5/4  23rd session | Postponed | Postponed |  |  |  | - Lack of provisions of sign language interpretation and captioning  - Lack of secure platform to adopt IC  - Time zones |
| 2 weeks  (7/9-18/9) | Yes | 7 LOIs and  2 LOIPRs | 6 member, through email exchanges and a silent procedure |  |  |  | 17/8-4/9  23rd session | Postponed | 4 cases | Meetings of Working groups of the Committee | Interprefy |  | - Interprefy not accessible (particularly for blind members) |
| **CCPR**  **(17)** \*\*\*\* |  |  |  |  | 1 week  (22/6-27/6) | 45 cases | Webex w/o  Interpretation  (7) | 4 weeks (29/6 to 24/7) + one pre-sessional week | Postponed | 8 cases [[1]](#endnote-1) | 2nd reading of draft GC (public)  Adoption of Annual report (public) Adoption of 2 Follow-up reports to COBs (public),2 FU reports to Views (public) | Interprefy w/ interpretation (public)  Webex w/o interpretation (private)  Exchanges of emails for LOIs/LOIPR |  | - Language (not inclusive way of working)  - WG on IC had good discussion and good practices of sending written comments  - Limited availability of interpretation (max 2 hrs per mtg w/ 1.5 hrs break) |
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| **SPT**  **(25)** | March-July | NPMs |  | 2 – 3 in NPM meetings, both with one NPM and with more  Bureau meetings, 5 membes |  |  |  | 5 days  (15/6-19/6) | N.A. | N.A. | Meeting of SPs (public)  Meeting of regional groups (private) | Interprefy w/ interpretation (public)  Skype for Business w/o interpretation (private w/ regional groups) | Meetings with National preventive mechanisms (NPMs) in the regions. | - Impossibility of visits  - Different time zones  - Good number of participation of SPs and NPMs  - Language issue did not occur in regional group meetings |

\* All the public meetings during sessions were webcasted.

\*\* All Committees adopted COVID-19 Statements/Guidance notes/Advice and/or issued Statements/Press releases on issues related to their mandates.

\*\*\* Need of DSA and compensation of costs for connectivity and equipment are pointed by several Committees.

\*\*\*\*\* CCPR worked through exchanges of emails in the latter two weeks of its 128th session (3/2-3/27) and adopted 4 LOIs, 3 LOIPRs and 4 COBs through a silent procedure.

1. These 8 cases have not been discussed at the time of circulation of the table. In addition, ICs have only been attributed a 2-hour segment – hence the 8 communications currently put forward might not all be adopted. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)