

# *Committee on Enforced Disappearances: monitoring and reporting*



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Let's start

# How much do you know about the Committee already?

Please provide your answers to the four questions in  
the chat box.

# Question 1

Please read the text below and complete it by using the following words in the correct order in the chat box:

Convention, independent, United Nations, Committee, treaty bodies, States, implementation

The \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ human rights \_\_\_\_\_. It consists of \_\_\_\_\_ experts who monitor the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ parties.

## Question 2

Please indicate the number of the correct response in the chat box:

How many independent experts does the Committee consist of?

1. 8
2. 10
3. 12
4. 14

## Question 3

The Committee does not perform the following function(s) - please indicate the correct numbers in the chat box:

1. Examination of States parties' reports
2. Urgent actions
3. Individual communications
4. Inter-State communications
5. Establish individual criminal responsibility
6. Country visits
7. Referral of systematic enforced disappearances to the General Assembly

# Question 4

I will read out loud three statements. In response, please indicate **T** for **TRUE** or **F** for **FALSE** for each statement in the chat box:

The Committee oversees the implementation of the Convention by States parties by

- Reviewing States parties' reports submitted under article 29  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Conducting a periodic review  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Applying a follow-up procedure with regard to its concluding observations  
**TRUE FALSE**

Let's dive in

# Presentation on the Committee, and monitoring and reporting followed by questions and answers

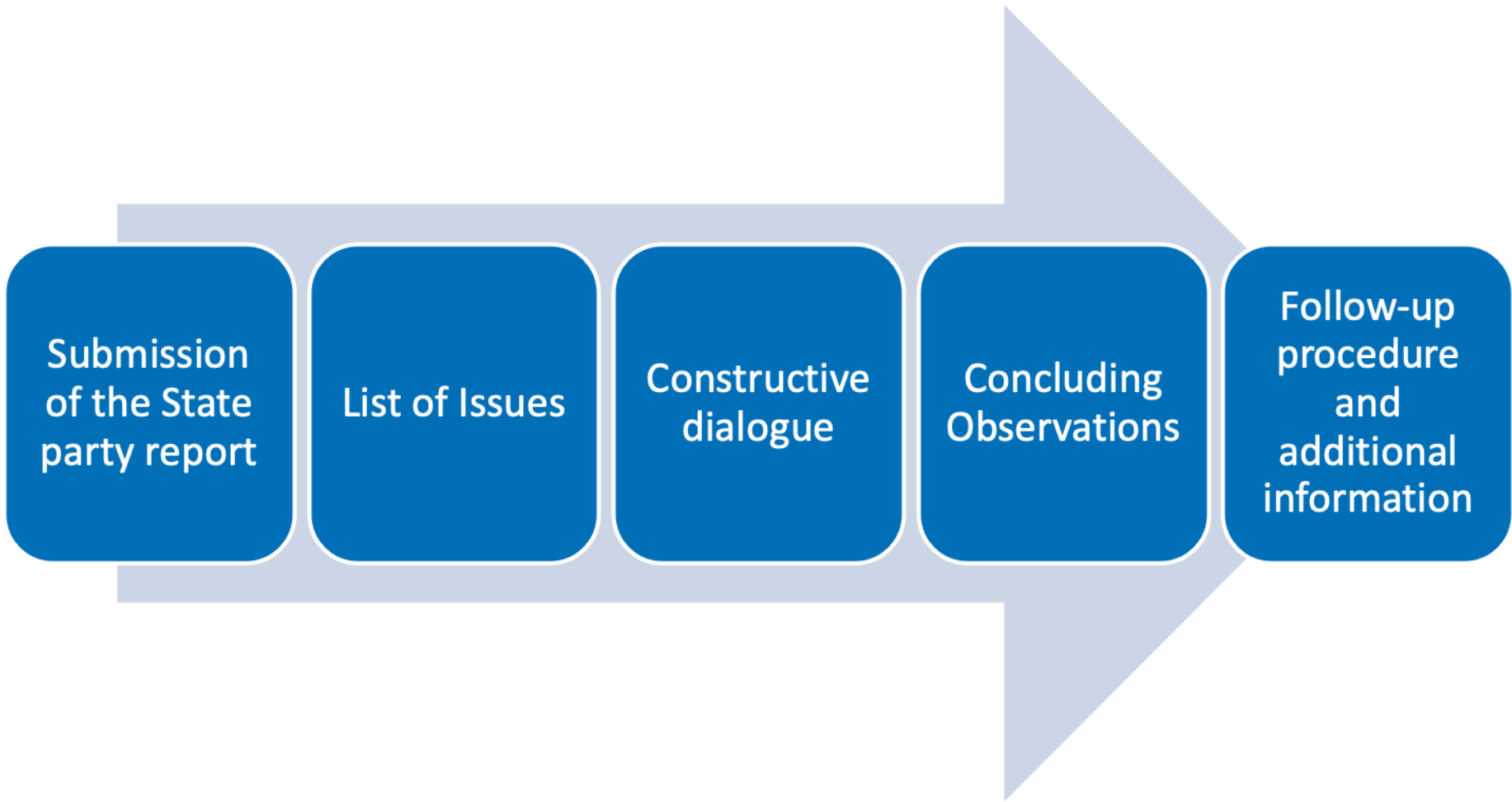
# Main functions of the Committee

The Committee, composed of 10 independent experts, is the treaty body mandated to monitor implementation of the Convention through the following functions:

- Examination of States parties' reports
- Urgent actions
- Individual communications
- Inter-State communications
- Country visits
- Referral of systematic enforced disappearances to the General Assembly



# Examination of States parties' reports under article 29



# Submission of the State party report

- On the measures taken to give effect to the obligations under the Convention
  - Common core document
  - Treaty-specific document
- Submitted within two years after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned
- Consideration of a State party's situation in the absence of a report

# Alternative reports

Information and documentation from:

- National human rights institutions
- NGOs
- Associations of families of victims
- Other relevant civil society organizations
- Individual experts

# List of issues

- Review by country rapporteurs of
  - States parties' reports
  - Alternative reports by other stakeholders
- Draft lists of issues
- Requests for additional information
- Requests for responses to the lists of issues

# Constructive dialogue

- Between the delegation from the reporting State and the Committee members
- Is held in public meetings
- In meetings lasting two to three hours for the examination of a State party's report
- Article-by-article consideration
- Attendance by other stakeholders
  - However, private meetings are organized outside the session at which the Committee can obtain information from them (e.g. civil society organizations and associations of families).

# Concluding observations

- Outcome document
- Standard format consisting of sections devoted to:
  - Positive aspects
  - Subjects of concern and related recommendations
  - Follow-up and dissemination
- Published on the web page of the Committee and included in its annual report to the General Assembly

# Follow-up procedure and additional information

- Issues of particular concern identified by the Committee
- Followed up within a specific short period of time (usually one year)
- No system of periodic reports
- Additional information requested by the Committee, where the situation so requires

# Criteria for the assessment of follow-up replies by the Committee

A - Reply/action satisfactory

B - Reply/action partially satisfactory

C - Reply/action not satisfactory

D - No cooperation with the Committee

E - The measures taken are contrary to the Committee's recommendations



# Wrap-up

- Key functions of the Committee
- Obligation to submit a report
- Contents of the initial report and list of issues
- Constructive dialogue with the Committee and concluding observations
- Alternative reports
- Follow-up procedure