**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 | PostponedDiscussion 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/oInterpretation 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 meetingsWebex 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 personfull 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 & LOIPRsGCs Working Methods2020 Review; Follow-up | TBC – pending formal decision on in person, and availability of Interprefy, schedule of mtgs |  | Planning is pending currentlyDocumentation (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 ExtranetWebex w/oInterpretation(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 and1 LOIPR | Through email exchanges and a silent procedure (EN) |  |  |  | 11/3-5/423rd 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 and2 LOIPRs | 6 member, through email exchanges and a silent procedure |  |  |  | 17/8-4/923rd 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/oInterpretation(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 moreBureau 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)