**Special Meeting**

On 17 June, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) held an online special meeting, the first in 2020. The meeting was of utmost importance, as it aimed at electing a new Bureau and appointing members in the CERD working groups. This meeting has brought CERD back to normal functioning. It also came in the wake of the adoption a week before, of a statement on the killing of George Floyd.

During the meeting, the Committee elected Ms Yanduan Li (China) as the new Chair, three Vice-Chairs (Mr. Marc Bossuyt, Ms. Verene Shepherd, and Mr Yeung Sik Yeung) and a Rapporteur (Ms. Rita Izsak-Ndiaye). CERD also appointed members in its Working groups on communications and Early warning and urgent action procedure, respectively. It designated a rapporteur to pursue the work on the general recommendation no. 36, on racial profiling. Furthermore, the members elected in 2019, made their solemn declaration.

CERD members committed to discharge their duties to the extent possible, as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated vulnerability to racial discrimination.