**ON-LINE TREATY BODY SESSIONS and MEETINGS, including the HUMANITARIAN FUNDS 2020**

**(CRPD, CED, CRC, CESCR, CAT, SPT, CEDAW, CERD, CMW, CCPR and Chairs’ meeting)**

**CCPR – Human Rights Committee**

**128th Session (2 Mar. – 27 Mar. 2020):**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1371&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1371&Lang=en)

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on in person meetings and travel, CCPR worked through exchanges of emails in the latter two weeks of its 128th session. The Committee adopted four LOIs (Haiti, Kenya, Philippines, Sri Lanka), three LOIPR (Montenegro, Somalia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), five COBs (Central African Republic, Dominica, Portugal, Tunisia, Uzbekistan).**

**CRPD - Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**13th Pre-sessional Working Group, 30 March - 3 April 2020**

**CRPD adopted online 6 LOIs and one LOIPR.**

**CED - Committee on Enforced Disappearances**

**18th (virtual session) Session (4 May – 7 Sep. 2020) on Webex:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1403&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1403&Lang=en)

**Adoption of 2 LOIs and of annual report to the General Assembly (private).**

**SPT - Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture**

**41st (virtual session) Session (15 Jun. – 19 Jun. 2020) on Interprefy (public) and Skype for Business (private):**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2438&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2438&Lang=en)

**During its June session the SPT held an online meeting with the National Preventive Mechanisms to discuss the implementation of the Advices on COVID-19 both by the States and the National Preventive Mechanisms.**

**CEDAW - Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**76th (virtual session) Session (29 Jun. – 9 Jul. 2020) and 78th Pre-sessional Working Group (13-17 Jul. 2020) on Interprefy and Webex:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1388&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1388&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted six LOIs and three LOIPRs, 8 follow-up assessments to COBs; 1 follow-up assessment to inquiry; 7 final decisions on individual communications.**

**CCPR – Human Rights Committee**

**129th (virtual session) Session (29Jun. – 24 Jul. 2020) on Interprefy:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1374&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1374&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted two Follow-up reports to COBs (public), and two FU reports to Views (public), as well as eight list of issues and five lists of issues prior to reporting. The Committee held its second and final reading of General Comment No. 37 on article 21, the right of peaceful assembly (CCPR/C/GC/37), which was adopted on 23 July 2020.**

**UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture**

 **51st session on 7 July (postponed from 30 March – 3 April), on Webex, adopted policy on COVID-19 impact and response, and comprehensive Guidelines revision.**

**CMW - Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of their Families**

**During its plenary informal meeting of 9 July 2020, the CMW decided that it will not hold any virtual formal session in 2020. However, it decided to continue adopting core-mandated documents, including LOIPRs/LOIs/FU reports and General Comments, among others.**

**In this regard, the Committee has adopted through silence procedure 2 LOIPRs and 1 follow-up report, respectively for Nigeria and Congo Brazzaville, and adopted the follow-up report to the COBs for Ecuador. The Committee is in an advance stage of adopting the LOIs for Syria and the General Comment Number 6 on the Right of personal liberty and freedom from arbitrary detention of migrants and members of their families.**

**32nd meeting of Chairs of the Treaty Bodies**

**27-30 July 2020, on-line with interpretation in the three working languages (English, French, Spanish) on Interprefy:** [**https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/Meetingchairpersons.aspx**](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/Meetingchairpersons.aspx)

**CAT – Committee Against Torture**

**69th (virtual session) Session (13 Jul. 2020) on Interprefy.**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2434&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2434&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted fifteen List of issues prior to reporting and three list of issues during 2020 via email.**

**CERD – Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

**101st (virtual session) Session (4 Aug. – 7 Aug. 2020) on Interprefy.**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1383&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1383&Lang=en)

**In the context of the Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure, the Committee adopted two statements and five letters to States parties. With regard to individual communications, the Committee decided on the admissibility of one communication submitted against one State party. The Committee also considered 10 follow-up reports.**

**CRPD - Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**23rd (virtual session) Session (17 Aug. - 04 Sep. 2020) on Interprefy:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1376&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1376&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted seven LOIs and two LOIPRs.**

**CRPD - Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**14th pre sessional working group (virtual session) 07 Sep 2020 - 18 Sep 2020**

**Interprefy online platform**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1379&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1379&Lang=en)

**CED - Committee for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance**

**19th (virtual session) Session (07 Sep. - 25 Nov. 2020) on Interprefy:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2420&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2420&Lang=en)

**During the 19th Session, the Committee adopted lists of issues in relation to the initial reports of Greece, the Czech Republic, and Niger, and a list of issues in the absence of a report for Mali.**

**It also adopted its report on follow-up to concluding observations related to 8 States parties; its report on Urgent Actions covering the trends observed and the main decisions related to 969 registered UAs; its report on follow-up to Views, and it examined one individual complaint (ELA v. France), further defining its jurisprudence related to the issue of non-refoulement under article 16 of the Convention. The Committee maintained its interactive dialogue on the additional information submitted by Iraq in compliance with article 29(4) of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons against Enforced Disappearances (ICPPED). The dialogue took place online on 5 and 7 October 2020. The videos of the 333rd and 334th public meetings are publicly accessible in English and Arabic. The Committee finally held two joint webinars with the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances on the search for disappeared persons and the investigation of their disappearances (Part I), and on the way to tackle impunity for cases of enforced disappearance and promote victim centred approaches (Part II).**

**CRC - Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**85th (virtual session) Session (14 Sep. - 1 Oct. 2020) on Interprefy:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1326&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1326&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted 18 decisions concerning 20 individual communications under the Optional Protocol on an Individual Communication (OPIC) and a report in follow up to individual communications, six lists of issues and two lists of issue prior to reporting on-line.**

**CESCR - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

**68th (virtual session) Session (28 Sep. - 16 Oct. 2020) and** [**67th PSWG of CESCR**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1395&Lang=en) **(19 - 23 October 2020) on Interprefy and Webex:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1341&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1341&Lang=en) **and** [**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1395&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1395&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted one list of issues prior to reporting, 5 lists of issues, one assessment of follow-up report to COBs. Under the OP-ICESCR, the Committee adopted 3 inadmissibilities, 3 discontinuances and one report on follow-up to views. It also adopted its annual report. Moreover, the Committee adopted two statements during the inter-session period.**

**Resumed 32nd meeting of Chairs on 2 October 2020**

**Private on-line meeting to follow up on treaty body review and other issues.**

**UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture**

**52nd session from 5-9 October (as scheduled but only two hours per day), on Webex, reviewed 254 annual grant applications for 2021, recommending funding to 180 projects to assist 47,535 victims of torture and held briefing for Group of Friends.**

**CCPR – Human Rights Committee**

**130th (virtual session) Session (12 Oct. - 06 Nov. 2020) on Interprefy:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1375&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1375&Lang=en)

**Adoption of one follow-up report to COBs (public), and one follow up report to Views (public), and six list of issues and six lists of issues prior to reporting.**

**CEDAW - Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**77th (virtual session) Session (26 Oct. - 05 Nov. 2020) and 79th Pre-sessional Working Group (9-13 November 2020) on Interprefy and WebEx:**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1283&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1283&Lang=en)

**Adoption of the General Recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration; one inquiry report; 2 final decisions on individual communications; six lists of issues and questions and three lists of issues prior to reporting.**

**SPT – Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**

**42nd (virtual session) Session (9 Nov. - 13 Nov. 2020):**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2477&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2477&Lang=en)

**CERD – Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

**102nd (virtual session) Session (16 Nov. - 24 Nov. 2020) on Interprefy.**

[**https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1387&Lang=en**](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1387&Lang=en)

**The Committee adopted General Recommendation n° 36 on preventing and combatting racial profiling. The Committee also considered six follow-up reports. In the context of the Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure, the Committee adopted six letters regarding five States parties. The Committee adopted two list of issues prior to reporting. It also adopted an opinion with regard to an individual communication.**

**UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery**

**25th session from 23-27 November (as scheduled but only two hours per day), on Webex, reviewed 61 annual grant applications for 2021, recommending funding to 37 projects to assist 17,877 victims of slavery, and postponed policy decisions due to insufficient time.**

**Resumed 32nd Chairs meeting**

**14 December 2020: Interprefy with simultaneous interpretation**

**Private on-line meeting**

**CMW - Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of their Families**

**In its plenary meeting of 17 December 2020, the Committee decided to hold a formal virtual session in April 2021 and to review online at least 2 States Parties.**