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The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of the States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Convention) to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to refer to article 73, paragraph 1, of the Convention. In that article, the States parties to the Convention undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, established under article 72 of the Convention, "...a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have taken to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention..." every five years following the submission of the initial report.

In this regard, the Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Representatives to the simplified reporting procedure of the Committee, whereby the Committee establishes lists of issues prior to reporting which are transmitted to the States parties for a reply. The lists of issues prior to reporting and the replies thereto constitute the reports of the States parties, in accordance with article 73 of the Convention without the States parties having to submit a report in the traditional manner.

At its thirty-fourth session, held in Geneva, from 28 March to 8 April 2022, in order to support an increased use of the simplified reporting procedure by States parties, the Committee decided, on 4 April 2022, to move from an opt-in to an opt-out procedure, so that the simplified reporting procedure under rule 33 (2) of its rules of procedure (CMW/C/2) becomes the default procedure and the traditional reporting procedure the exception.

The Committee will therefore adopt a list of issues prior to reporting for any State party to the Convention that has not explicitly opted for the traditional reporting procedure after having been duly informed of this decision by the Committee (see A/77/48, chapter I., decision 34/3, and paragraph 70).

This procedure is in line with the decision of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, taken at their thirty-fourth annual meeting, held in New York, from 30 May to 3 June 2022, that the simplified reporting procedure be the default procedure for all Committees that have such a process, while the States parties can choose to opt for the traditional reporting procedure (see A/77/228, paragraph 55, No. 1 (d)).

The Secretary-General would appreciate receiving by 1 April 2023 the States parties' decision as to whether they will exceptionally opt for the traditional reporting procedure.



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The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of the States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of his highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. G. ...'.

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