

## MALTA

### Special Decisions or Action taken Re: Reporting, Including Urgent Action Procedure

#### CERD A/8718 (1972)

##### Annex III

Text of communication to be sent to Malta ... in accordance with the decision adopted by the Committee at the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting, sixth session

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered the initial report submitted by [Malta] at the [110<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup>] meetings of its sixth session, which were held on [18 August 1972], in the presence of the duly accredited representative of [Malta]. The final summary records of the meetings at which the report was considered will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

The Committee listened carefully to the statement made by the representative of [Malta] at its [111<sup>th</sup>] meeting, and noted with appreciation his assurance that the information which, in the opinion of the Committee, was lacking in that initial report would be furnished to the Committee in a subsequent report, to the extent to which it is possible to do so. The Committee therefore hopes that a supplementary report, containing such relevant information as is available to the Government of [Malta] but was lacking in its initial report, will be received by the Committee no later than 1 June 1973, in order that it may be able to consider the report at its eighth session and include in its fourth annual report to the General Assembly any suggestions or general recommendations it may deem appropriate to make on the basis of its examination of that report, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

In this connection, the Committee draws attention to the first communication it issued on the subject of reports from States Parties, on 28 January 1970, as well as to the subsequent general recommendations which it has adopted and which deal with the contents of reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the International Convention. Copies of the relevant portions of the original communication of 28 January 1970 and the subsequent general recommendations are attached, in the hope that they, as well as the relevant summary records of the meetings of the Committee, will be taken into account in the preparation of the forthcoming report by the competent authorities of the Government of [Malta].

**CERD, A/65/18 (2010)**

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