

TOGO

Special Decisions or action taken Re: Reporting

CAT, A/60/44 (2005)

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CHAPTER II. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION

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18. The Committee was not able to consider the initial report of Togo which was scheduled for consideration during the thirty-fourth session due to the absence of a delegation from Togo. The reasons given by the State party for this absence was attributed to the great difficulties facing the country at the scheduled time, which did not allow the Government to appoint a delegation and make available the resources for such a delegation to travel.

19. Bearing in mind these circumstances and also the usefulness of considering the State party reports, in particular the initial ones, in the presence of a delegation from the State party, and in order to have a meaningful and constructive dialogue, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the initial report of Togo, and to take it up at its thirty-sixth session in May 2006.

20. On the other hand, the Committee expresses its deep concern with respect to the information it has received and which highlight the extensive human rights violations as well as the impunity of those accused of committing these.

21. The Committee wishes to remind the State party of its obligation to respect the absolute prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, to immediately investigate any allegation of violation, to initiate proceedings against those presumed responsible, to establish efficient mechanisms to provide reparations to the victims for the harm suffered.

22. The Committee expressed its hope that social peace will be fully re-established in Togo and consolidation of the rule of law and full respect to fundamental rights.