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**Decision on the simplified reporting procedure\***

1. The Committee notes with appreciation the report composed by the working group consisting of Mr. Christof Heyns, Ms. Marcia Kran and Ms. Margo Waterval on the Simplified Reporting Procedure (hereinafter List of Issues Prior to Reporting Procedure or LOIPR).
2. The Committee supports the report's main recommendation to adopt the LOIPR as a permanent option for States and decides to adjust its relevant rules of procedure accordingly.
3. The Committee decides to take steps to ensure that as many States parties as possible are encouraged to accept the LOIPR procedure, including through active campaigns.
4. The Committee will offer the LOIPR to all States parties that have already submitted their initial reports. It will consider on a case-by-case basis whether to regard as an initial report replies to lists of issues in the absence of an initial report submitted by States parties. The Committee recalls in this connection that States parties should keep the common core documents up to date.
5. The Committee instructs the Secretariat to explore ways to ensure that there are no undue delays in scheduling reports that have been submitted under the simplified procedure for dialogue.
6. The Committee notes that the simplified reporting procedure places more pressure on the Secretariat and the Committee, since it requires more background research in the absence of report, and it is bound to lead to an increase in the number of reports by non-reporting and late-reporting States.
7. The Committee expresses its interest to align the manner in which it applies the LOIPR procedure with the manner in which other treaty bodies apply the same procedure.
8. The Committee intends to continue to monitor the implementation of the simplified reporting procedure, also to accommodate changes to the treaty reporting system. Whether there is interest from other Committees to conduct a joint assessment of the LOIPR procedure should be further explored, and if that is the case, such an initiative should be favorably considered.

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\* The decision will be reflected in the Committee's annual report (A/74/40, to be issued in 2019).