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**List of themes to be taken up in connection with the
consideration of the ninth and tenth periodic reports of
Slovakia (CERD/C/SVK/9-10)**

Note by the Country Rapporteur *

Summary

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its seventy-sixth session decided (A/65/18, par 85) that the Country Rapporteur will send to the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. The following is a list of themes in connection with the consideration of the above-mentioned periodic reports. It does not require written replies. This is not an exhaustive list as other issues will be raised in the course of the dialogue.

* Late submission.

1. The Convention in domestic law, institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 2, 4, 6 and 7)

(a) Efforts to adopt a wide-ranging, comprehensive approach while applying anti-discrimination legislation and policies, to take into account the scope of racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 8; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 57-78);

(b) Cases of direct applicability of the Convention in the legal domestic order; information on complaints regarding racial discrimination and the invocation of the Anti-Discrimination Act in courts (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, paras. 10 and 19; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 140-143 and 189-195);

(c) Update on sentences imposed and remedies provided to victims of racial discrimination; information on the use of article 149 (d) of the Criminal Code related to aggravating circumstances for crimes with racial motive (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 196-198);

(d) Further information on human and financial resources allocated to the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights and on its work regarding non-discrimination related issues; achievements through the 2009-2011 Action Plan for the Prevention of All Forms of Discrimination, Racism, Xenophobia, Anti-Semitism and Other Expressions of Intolerance; more information on the work and added-value of the Committee for the Prevention and Elimination of Racism, Xenophobia, Anti-Semitism and Other Forms of Intolerance established in June 2011 (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 32-38, 49-50 and 53-54);

(e) Information on efforts undertaken to train law enforcement officials to properly investigate hate crimes; additional measures, including an independent monitoring body, to prosecute police brutality against minorities (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 14; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 148-150);

(f) Further efforts to deal with racist discourse in the media, including on the Internet.

2. Application of the Convention to national and ethnic minorities (arts. 2, 4, 5 and 7)

(a) Disaggregated data on the socio-economic status of minorities; results of the project “Statistical monitoring of the living conditions of selected target groups” regarding data collection on the living conditions of minorities, in particular Roma (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 7; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 5-11 and 135-137);

(b) Further measures to combat racially motivated violence against minorities; data on hate crimes disaggregated by age, gender and national or ethnic origin of the victim (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 12; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 52-78 and CERD/C/SVK/9-10/Add. 1, paras. 1-18; CERD follow-up letter of 2 September 2011);

(c) Awareness-raising activities on human rights and the Convention to tackle stereotypes and discrimination against minorities and improve intercultural dialogue and tolerance (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 34 (9) and 160);

(d) Efforts to promote cultural activities of minorities, including the right to use minority languages in private and public life (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 116, 132-134).

3. Situation of Roma community (arts. 2 to 7)

(a) The implementation of special measures to remedy existing disadvantages and promote equality for members of the Roma community (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 149-150);

(b) Update on the results achieved so far through the Strategy for the integration of Roma up to 2020; resources allocated to the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Roma communities (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 11; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 96-97, 144-145);

(c) Efforts to counter stigmatization of, and discrimination against Roma, including by public and political figures; further measures undertaken to address their low level of participation in public life and representation in the police (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, paras. 13 and 14; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 121-125, 149-150);

(d) Update on efforts to deal with de facto segregation in the education system and placement of Roma children in special schools (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 16; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 113-115 and 152-161);

(e) Additional measures to promote Roma's rights to adequate housing, health and employment; updated information on the situation of Roma from Plavecky Stvrtok; information on efforts in overcoming settlements' degrading conditions in Eastern Slovakia, and measures taken towards housing desegregation (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, paras. 11, 17 and 20; paras. 100-112, 162-167, 203; and CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8/Add. 1, paras. 19-22; CERD letters under the Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure);

(f) Update on court proceedings regarding sterilization of Roma women without their full and informed consent; more information on the implementation of the European Court of Human Rights' decisions of November 2011 and June 2012 (CERD/C/SVK/CO/6-8, para. 18; CERD/C/SVK/9-10, paras. 111-112, 168-188).

4. Discrimination against non-citizens including refugees and asylum seekers (arts.5 and 6)

(a) Update on measures taken, to further facilitate the integration of non-citizens, in particular asylum seekers and refugees, including the "Concept of Foreigner Integration in the Slovak Republic" (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, para. 19);

(b) Information on the impact of the recent Action Plan of Migration Policy on the economic and social rights of non-citizens, including their access to decent housing, health-care and educational institutions (CERD/C/SVK/9-10, para. 19).
