



International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Distr.: General
18 July 2012

Original: English

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Eighty-first session

6–31 August 2012

Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

List of themes to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial to third periodic reports of Thailand (CERD/C/THA/1-3)*

The following is a list of themes identified by the Country Rapporteur in connection with the consideration of the initial to third reports of Thailand. The list is meant to guide the dialogue between the State party delegation and the Committee and *does not require written replies*. This is not an exhaustive list as other issues will be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. **The Convention in domestic law, institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6):**
 - (a) Status of the Convention in the domestic legal order;
 - (b) Definition of racial discrimination in accordance with article 1 of the Convention in the State party's legislation (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 41);
 - (c) Incorporation of the provisions of article 4 of the Convention into the State party's legislation (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 53, 57);
 - (d) Complaints and court cases on racial discrimination;
 - (e) Fight against racial discrimination in the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 5) and in the 2009–2013 National Human Rights Action Plan (A/HRC/19/8, para. 98).
2. **Situation of ethnic groups (arts. 1 and 5):**
 - (a) Definition of minorities in the State party and rights guaranteed to them (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 11 and 12);

* Late submission.

(b) Disadvantages faced by certain ethnic groups in the enjoyment of economic and social rights (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 5);

(c) Protection of the way of living of ethnic groups, their identity and their culture; protection of the rights of ethnic groups whose lands have been integrated into national parks (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 21, 25, 26, 109, 110);

(d) Protection of the right to security of persons and against violence in Southern Thailand (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 123–126).

3. Situation of non-citizens (arts. 1, 2 and 5):

(a) Regularization of the status of stateless persons and implementation of the Strategy to Address the Problem of Status and Rights of Persons 2005 (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 29, 31, 32, 35, 49);

(b) Treatment of asylum seekers and other persons in need of international protection under the State party's Immigration Act, and application of the principle of non-refoulement (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 33, 35, 38, 40);

(c) Rights of migrant workers and their families, particularly those with irregular migration status; protection against violations of their labour rights and against exploitation (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 37, 47);

(d) Prevention of trafficking, support to victims and prosecution of those responsible (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 43).

4. Racism, racial discrimination, and education to combat prejudices and to promote understanding (arts. 2, 5 and 7):

(a) Manifestation of racism, prevention of racial discrimination in employment and in public life (CERD/C/THA/1-3, paras. 56, 102);

(b) Awareness-raising among the population about racial discrimination and tolerance, and to eliminate prejudices; human rights and promotion of understanding among groups in school curricula and training programmes for relevant professionals (CERD/C/THA/1-3, para. 56).
