



# Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Pre-session working group

### Report of the pre-session working group on its fiftieth session (7-11 February 2011)

1. It is the practice of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to convene a pre-session working group for five days to prepare lists of issues and questions relating to the initial and periodic reports that will be considered by the Committee at one of its future sessions.
2. The Committee decided that the pre-session working group for the Committee's fiftieth session would meet from 7 to 11 February 2011, immediately after its forty-eighth session in order to ensure that sufficient time would be available to States parties to submit their written replies to the lists of issues and questions, as well as to ensure their timely translation.
3. The following experts were designated as members of the pre-session working group for the forty-eighth session:  
  
Nicole Ameline  
Magalys Arocha Dominguez  
Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani  
Violeta Neubauer  
Zohra Rasekh
4. The pre-session working group elected Ms. Ameline as the Chairperson of the pre-session working group.
5. The pre-session working group prepared lists of issues and questions with respect to the initial and periodic reports of Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mauritius, Montenegro, Oman and Paraguay.
6. To assist in the preparation of the lists of issues and questions, the pre-session working group had before it the reports of the eight States parties listed above, as well as the State parties' core documents, if available; the general recommendations adopted by the Committee; background information and draft lists of issues and questions prepared by the Secretariat, based on an analytical comparison of current States parties' reports, and the Committee's discussion of earlier reports; and other pertinent information, including concluding observations of the Committee and other treaty bodies, if relevant. In preparing

the lists of issues and questions for periodic reports, the pre-session working group paid particular attention to the States parties' follow-up to the Committee's concluding observations on previous reports.

7. The pre-session working group benefited from written and oral information submitted by United Nations entities and specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and a national human rights institution.

8. Lists of issues and questions adopted by the pre-session working group were transmitted to the eight States parties concerned and are contained in the following documents:

- (a) List of issues and questions with regard to the combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Chad (CEDAW/C/TCD/Q/1-4);
- (b) List of issues and questions with regard to the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Cote d'Ivoire (CEDAW/C/CIV/Q/1-3);
- (c) List of issues and questions with regard to the combined third and fourth periodic report of Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/Q/3-4);
- (d) List of issues and questions with regard to the combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Lesotho (CEDAW/C/LSO/Q/1-4);
- (e) List of issues and questions with regard to the combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MUS/Q/6-7);
- (f) List of issues and questions with regard to the initial report of Montenegro (CEDAW/C/MNE/Q/1);
- (g) List of issues and questions with regard to the initial report of Oman (CEDAW/C/OMN/Q/1); and
- (h) List of issues and questions with regard to the sixth periodic report of Paraguay (CEDAW/C/PRY/Q/6).

9. In accordance with the Committee decisions 22/V, 25/II and 31/III, the lists of issues and questions focused on themes addressed by the Convention. These themes included the constitutional and legislative framework and national machinery for the advancement of women; gender stereotypes; poverty and employment; violence against women including domestic violence; trafficking in women and exploitation of prostitution; participation of women in decision-making; education and training; employment; health; social and economic benefits; the situation of disadvantaged groups of women, such as older women, rural women, women with disabilities, women belonging to ethnic minorities, and refugee and migrant women; equality before the law; and marriage and family relations.

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