



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

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## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Fifty-first session

### Summary record (partial)\* of the 1038th meeting

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*Chairperson:* Ms. Pimentel

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*The discussion covered in the summary record began at 5.15 p.m.*

**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session**

(CEDAW/C/2012/I/L.1; CEDAW/C/DZA/CO/3-4, CEDAW/C/BRA/CO/7, CEDAW/C/COG/CO/6, CEDAW/C/GRD/CO/1-5, CEDAW/C/JOR/CO/5, CEDAW/C/NOR/CO/8 and CEDAW/C/ZWE/CO/2-5; CEDAW/C/2012/I/CRP)

1. **Ms. Awori** (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft report contained in document CEDAW/C/2012/L.1 and document CEDAW/C/2012/I/CRP. She drew attention to chapters I to IV of the draft report. Chapter IV concerned the draft concluding observations on the reports by States parties that the Committee had considered during its fifty-first session (CEDAW/C/DZA/CO/3-4, CEDAW/C/BRA/CO/7, CEDAW/C/COG/CO/6, CEDAW/C/GRD/CO/1-5, CEDAW/C/JOR/CO/5, CEDAW/C/NOR/CO/8 and CEDAW/C/ZWE/CO/2-5).
2. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt those chapters of the draft report and the draft concluding observations on the reports by States parties considered at the session.
3. *It was so decided.*
4. **Ms. Awori** (Rapporteur) introduced the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, contained in document CEDAW/C/2012/I/CRP. It would form chapters VI and VII of the Committee's draft report and describe the actions taken by the Committee under items 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/51/1).
5. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, for inclusion in the Committee's draft report.
6. *It was so decided.*
7. *The draft report of the Committee on its fifty-first session was adopted, as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

**Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Committee**

8. **Ms. Awori** (Rapporteur) drew attention to the provisional agenda for the fifty-second session, contained in document CEDAW/C/2012/I/CRP.
9. *The provisional agenda for the fifty-second session was adopted.*

**Statement by the Chairperson**

10. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee had considered reports from seven States parties and had held informal meetings with United Nations entities and NGOs. She thanked those entities for the detailed information they had provided and encouraged them to step up their advocacy for the promotion and protection of women's human rights and the implementation of the Convention.
11. In conjunction with the Open Society Justice Initiative, the Committee had held a public briefing on the implementation of its recommendations and views. It had held a meeting with the Global Campaign for Education in what she hoped would be the start of a fruitful partnership. The Committee had also met with Ms. Fareeda Shaheed, the Independent Expert in the field of cultural rights, Ms. Lee Waldorf of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), Ms. Wan-Hea Lee and Mr. Paulo David of the Human Rights Treaties Division to discuss treaty body strengthening, and Mr. Kyle Ward, Chief of Programme Support and Management Services.

12. **The Chairperson** had addressed the Commission on the Status of Women and, along with Ms. Acar and Ms. Ameline, had met with the Executive Director and the Assistant Secretary-General of UN-Women, and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Ivan Šimonović of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York.

13. The Working Group on Working Methods had continued its efforts to establish priorities in order to rationalize and strengthen the Committee's procedures and practices. The Committee had begun discussions on the positive aspects of its task forces and ways to improve them. It had reviewed cases and taken decisions relating to individual communications and had also taken a decision on an inquiry under the Optional Protocol. The Committee had considered follow-up information provided by States concerning their implementation of the Convention, and had continued its review of the draft general recommendation on the economic consequences of marriage and its dissolution.

#### **Closure of the session**

14. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the fifty-first session closed.

*The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 5.30 p.m.*