



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

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

### Summary record (partial)\* of the 1068th meeting

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Friday, 27 July 2012, at 12 p.m.

*Chair:* Ms. Pimentel

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*The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.50 p.m.*

**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session** (CEDAW/C/2012/II/L.1; CEDAW/C/BHS/CO/1-5, CEDAW/C/BGR/CO/4-7, CEDAW/C/GUY/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/JAM/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/MEX/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/NZL/CO/7 and CEDAW/C/WSM/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/2012/II/CRP)

1. **Ms. Awori** (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft report contained in document CEDAW/C/2012/II/CRP.1 and document CEDAW/C/2012/II/L.1. Chapter IV concerned the draft concluding observation on the reports by States parties that the Committee had considered during its fifty-second session (CEDAW/C/BHS/CO/1-5, CEDAW/C/BGR/CO/4-7, CEDAW/C/GUY/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/JAM/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/MEX/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/NZL/CO/7 and CEDAW/C/WSM/CO/4-5).

2. **The Chair** said that 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/II/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/52/1).

#### **Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Committee**

5. **Ms. Awori** (Rapporteur) drew attention to the provisional agenda for the fifty-third session, which had been circulated to members.

6. *The provisional agenda for the fifty-third session was adopted.*

7. *The draft report of the Committee on its fifty-second session was adopted as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

#### **Statement by the Chair**

8. **The Chair** said that the Committee had considered reports from eight States parties and had held informal meetings with NGOs and a national human rights institution. She encouraged United Nations entities and NGOs to deepen their advocacy for the promotion and protection of women's human rights and the implementation of the Convention.

9. The commemorative event held to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Committee had been very successful, with the high-level participation including statements by Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), H.E. Ms. Dilma Rousseff, President of Brazil, delivered by Ms. Eleonora Menicucci de Oliveira, Minister of Policies for Women, and Ms. Shanthi Dairiam of the International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific. There had also been a rich discussion on women's political participation and leadership with the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament, Ms. Sapana Pradhan Malla, a Member of the Nepalese Constituent Assembly, Ms. Souad Triki, a Tunisian civil society activist, and Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The Committee had also met with members of the Working Group on discrimination in law and practice to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation; had attended a briefing on trafficking given by Professor Mohamed Mattar of John Hopkins University; and had discussed treaty body strengthening with Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Ms. Wan-Hea Lee and Mr. Paulo David of OHCHR.

10. The Working Group on Working Methods had continued its work to establish priorities in order to rationalize and strengthen the Committee's procedures and practices. The Committee had approved a template to facilitate the preparation of briefing notes by country rapporteurs and discussed simplified reporting procedures. It had reviewed cases and taken a decision relating to individual complaints 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. It had continued its review of the draft general recommendation on the dissolution of marriage and its economic consequences and had been briefed

on the status of other general recommendations. Lastly, it had decided to establish two working groups to draft general recommendations on climate change and natural disasters and on the right to education.

**Closure of the session**

11. *Following an exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the fifty-second session closed.*

*The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.*