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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and expressed the hope that the Convention would be signed and ratified or acceded to without delay and would come into force at an early date. The Secretary-General was requested to present the text of the Convention to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women for its information, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report concerning the status of the Convention.
2. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was opened for signature in New York on 1 March 1980. It will enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession, as provided for in article 27 of the Convention.
3. The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1980/34 of 2 May 1980, expressed the hope that the Convention would come into force at an early date and urged Governments to take the necessary steps in order to sign, ratify and/or accede to the Convention. The Council requested the Secretary-General to arrange a ceremony for signing the Convention, to take place during the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.
4. On the occasion of the signing ceremony, which the Secretary-General arranged at Copenhagen during the Conference, on Thursday, 17 July 1980, 52 States signed the Convention and two countries deposited their instruments of ratification, and on other occasions during the Conference, 12 other States signed the Convention.
5. As at 14 August 1980, the Convention had received 76 signatures, 6 of which had been followed by ratifications.

6. The list of States which have signed and ratified the Convention, as well as the dates of their signatures and ratifications, is contained in annex I to the present report. The texts of reservations made by States at the time of ratification appear in annex II.

ANNEX I

List of States which have signed, ratified,
or acceded to the Convention

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Date of receipt of the instruments of ratification, accession or notification of succession</u>
Afghanistan	14 August 1980	
Argentina	17 July 1980	
Australia	17 July 1980	
Austria	17 July 1980	
Barbados	24 July 1980	
Belgium	17 July 1980	
Bhutan	17 July 1980	
Bolivia	30 May 1980	
Bulgaria	17 July 1980	
Burundi	17 July 1980	
Byelorussian Socialist Republic	17 July 1980	
Canada	17 July 1980	
Chile	17 July 1980	
China	17 July 1980	
Colombia	17 July 1980	
Congo	29 July 1980	
Costa Rica	17 July 1980	
Cuba	6 March 1980	17 July 1980
Czechoslovakia	17 July 1980	
Denmark	17 July 1980	
Dominican Republic	17 July 1980	
Ecuador	17 July 1980	
Egypt	16 July 1980	
Ethiopia	8 July 1980	
Finland	17 July 1980	

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or notification of
succession

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	
France	17 July 1980	
Gabon	17 July 1980	
Gambia	29 July 1980	
German Democratic Republic	25 June 1980	9 July 1980
Germany, Federal Republic of	17 July 1980	
Ghana	17 July 1980	
Grenada	17 July 1980	
Guinea	17 July 1980	
Guinea-Bissau	17 July 1980	
Guyana	17 July 1980	17 July 1980
Haiti	17 July 1980	
Honduras	11 June 1980	
Hungary	6 June 1980	
Iceland	24 July 1980	
India	30 July 1980	
Indonesia	29 July 1980	
Israel	17 July 1980	
Italy	17 July 1980	
Ivory Coast	17 July 1980	
Jamaica	17 July 1980	
Japan	17 July 1980	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	17 July 1980	
Lesotho	17 July 1980	
Luxembourg	17 July 1980	
Madagascar	17 July 1980	
Mexico	17 July 1980	
Mongolia	17 July 1980	

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<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	
Netherlands	17 July 1980	
New Zealand	17 July 1980	
Nicaragua	17 July 1980	
Norway	17 July 1980	
Panama	26 June 1980	
Philippines	15 July 1980	
Poland	29 May 1980	30 July 1980
Portugal	24 April 1980	30 July 1980
Rwanda	1 May 1980	
Senegal	29 July 1980	
Spain	17 July 1980	
Sri Lanka	17 July 1980	
Sweden	7 March 1980	2 July 1980
Tunisia	24 July 1980	
Uganda	30 July 1980	
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	17 July 1980	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	17 July 1980	
United Republic of Tanzania	17 July 1980	
United States of America	17 July 1980	
Venezuela	17 July 1980	
Viet Nam	29 July 1980	
Yugoslavia	17 July 1980	
Zaire	17 July 1980	
Zambia	17 July 1980	

ANNEX II

Reservations made at the time of ratification

CUBA

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The Government of the Republic of Cuba makes a specific reservation concerning the provisions of article 29 of the Convention inasmuch as it holds that any disputes that may arise between States parties should be resolved by means of direct negotiations through the diplomatic channel.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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The German Democratic Republic declares, pursuant to article 29, paragraph 2, of the Convention that it does not consider itself bound by article 29, paragraph 1.

POLAND

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/30 July 1980/

The People's Republic of Poland does not consider itself bound by article 29, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
