



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

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## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Pre-sessional working group

Seventy-fifth session

22–26 July 2019

### Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

#### Report of the pre-sessional working group

1. It is the practice of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to convene a pre-sessional 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 an upcoming session.

2. The Committee decided that the pre-sessional working group for the seventy-fifth session of the Committee would meet from 22 to 26 July 2019, immediately after the seventy-third 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 and to ensure their timely translation.

3. The following experts were designated as members of the pre-sessional working group and attended the session:

Louiza Chalal  
Rosario Manalo  
Lia Nadaraia  
Ana Peláez Narváez  
Rhoda Reddock

4. The pre-sessional working group elected Ms. Manalo as its Chair.

5. The pre-sessional working group prepared lists of issues and questions with regard to the reports of Afghanistan, Eritrea, Kiribati, Latvia, Pakistan, the Republic of Moldova and Zimbabwe, in addition to lists of issues prior to reporting for Spain and Tunisia. In that regard, it was guided by Committee decisions 49/IX, 59/IV and 64/II, according to which the Committee decided to limit lists of issues and questions and lists of issues prior to reporting to 20 and 25 paragraphs, respectively. However, in practice and exceptionally, some lists of issues and questions contain a maximum of 23 paragraphs.



6. To assist in the preparation of the lists of issues and questions, the pre-sessional working group had at its disposal electronic versions of the reports and the core documents of the States parties listed above, with the exception of the core documents of Eritrea and Pakistan; the general recommendations adopted by the Committee; draft lists of issues and questions prepared by the secretariat; and other pertinent information, including concluding observations of the Committee and other treaty bodies, as relevant. In preparing the lists, the pre-sessional working group paid particular attention to the States parties' follow-up to the concluding observations of the Committee on their previous reports, except for Kiribati, which had submitted an initial report.

7. The pre-sessional working group benefited from written and oral information submitted by entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations with regard to the States parties listed above.

8. The lists of issues and questions and lists of issues prior to reporting adopted by the pre-sessional working group were transmitted to the States parties concerned and are contained in the following documents:

(a) List of issues and questions in relation to the third periodic report of Afghanistan ([CEDAW/C/AFG/Q/3](#));

(b) List of issues and questions in relation to the sixth periodic report of Eritrea ([CEDAW/C/ERI/Q/6](#));

(c) List of issues and questions in relation to the combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Kiribati ([CEDAW/C/KIR/Q/1-3](#));

(d) List of issues and questions in relation to the combined fourth to seventh periodic reports of Latvia ([CEDAW/C/LVA/Q/4-7](#));

(e) List of issues and questions in relation to the fifth periodic report of Pakistan ([CEDAW/C/PAK/Q/5](#));

(f) List of issues and questions in relation to the sixth periodic report of the Republic of Moldova ([CEDAW/C/MDA/Q/6](#));

(g) List of issues and questions in relation to the sixth periodic report of Zimbabwe ([CEDAW/C/ZWE/Q/6](#));

(h) List of issues and questions prior to the submission of the ninth periodic report of Spain ([CEDAW/C/ESP/QPR/9](#));

(i) List of issues and questions prior to the submission of the seventh periodic report of Tunisia ([CEDAW/C/TUN/QPR/7](#)).

9. In accordance with Committee decisions 22/IV, 25/II and 31/III, the lists of issues and questions focused on themes addressed by the Convention, as well as on the linkages between relevant themes and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals. Those themes include the constitutional and legislative framework; access to justice; women and peace and security, where applicable; national machinery for the advancement of women; national human rights institutions; temporary special measures for the advancement of women; stereotypes and harmful practices; gender-based violence against women and girls, including domestic violence; trafficking in women and girls and exploitation of prostitution; participation of women in political and public life; nationality; education; employment; health; economic and social life; disaster risk reduction and climate change; rural women; intersecting forms of discrimination faced by women, such as older women, women with disabilities, women in detention, indigenous women, women in poverty, women belonging to ethnic minority groups, refugee women and migrant women, asylum-seeking women, lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and intersex persons; equality before the law; and equality in marriage and family relations.