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against Women**

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against Women**

Twenty-seventh session

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Provisional agenda*

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Annotations

Item 1. Opening of the session

The twenty-seventh session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

* The document was submitted late to the conference services without the explanation required under paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 B, by which the Assembly decided that, if a report is submitted late, the reason should be included in a footnote to the document.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the agenda shall be adopted by the Committee at the beginning of its meetings. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/2002/II/1)

Item 3. Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

Item 4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in that respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and further whenever the Committee requests.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to this request.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial and second periodic report of Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/1-2), the combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Saint Kitts and Nevis (CEDAW/C/KNA/1-4), the combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of the Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5), the combined third and fourth periodic report of Belgium (CEDAW/C/BEL/3-4), the combined third and fourth periodic report of Tunisia (CEDAW/C/TUN/3-4), the combined third and fourth periodic report of Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZAM/3-4), the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/4-5 and CEDAW/C/UKR/4-5/Corr.1) and the fourth and fifth periodic reports of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/4, CEDAW/C/DEN/5, CEDAW/C/DEN/5/Corr.1 and CEDAW/C/DEN/5/Add.1).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the

reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-seventh session.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee. At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the submission of the reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2002/II/2).

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to periodic reports for transmission to the representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the twenty-seventh session met in New York from 4 to 8 February 2002. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the list of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/II/CRP.1 and 2 and addenda).

Documentation

Combined initial and second periodic report of Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/1-2)

Combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Saint Kitts and Nevis (CEDAW/C/KNA/1-4)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of the Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Belgium (CEDAW/C/BEL/3-4)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Tunisia (CEDAW/C/TUN/3-4)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZAM/3-4)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/4-5 and CEDAW/C/UKR/4-5/Corr.1)

Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/4, CEDAW/C/DEN/5, CEDAW/C/DEN/5/Corr.1 and CEDAW/C/DEN/5/Add.1)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/II/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Belgium), Add.2 (Denmark), Add.3 (Tunisia), Add.4 (Ukraine) and Add.5 (Zambia))

Responses to the list of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/II/CRP.2 (Belgium) and Add.1 (Denmark), Add.2 (Tunisia), Add.3 (Ukraine) and Add.4 (Zambia))

Item 5. Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and

general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States parties.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

Article 22 of the Convention also provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of the specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3/Add.4)

Item 6. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

At each session, the Secretariat prepares as a pre-session document a report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2002/II/4).

Under this item, the Committee will also consider the report of the Optional Protocol Working Group.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2002/II/4)

Report of the Optional Protocol Working Group (CEDAW/C/2002/II/CRP.4)

Item 7. Provisional agenda for the exceptional session and for the twenty-eighth session

The draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee is approved at the end of each session.

In its resolution 56/229 of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to authorize the Committee to hold, on an exceptional basis, an extraordinary session

of three weeks' duration in 2002 to be used entirely for the consideration of the reports of States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the exceptional session of the Committee

Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Committee

Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-seventh session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date time

Agenda item Documentation programme

Monday, 3 June 2002

550th meeting

10 a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions of the Committee
	Item 5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	Item 6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-4.45 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with special rapporteurs
4.45-6 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations

Tuesday, 4 June 2002

551st meeting

10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Zambia combined third and fourth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/ZAM/3-4)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

552nd meeting

3-5 p.m.	Item 4	Zambia (continued)
(closed)	Items 5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole

Wednesday, 5 June 2002

553rd meeting

10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	Item 4	Saint Kitts and Nevis, combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/KNA/1-4)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party

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11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
554th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4	Saint Kitts and Nevis (continued)
(closed)	Items 5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 6 June 2002		
555th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Ukraine, combined fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/UKR/4-5 and Corr.1)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
556th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4	Ukraine (continued)
(closed)	Items 5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 7 June 2002		
557th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	Item 4	Suriname, combined initial and second periodic reports (CEDAW/C/SUR/1-2)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
558th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4	Suriname (continued)
(closed)	Items 5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 10 June 2002		
559th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Belgium, combined third and fourth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/BEL/3-4)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

560th meeting

3-5 p.m.

(closed)

Item 4 Belgium (continued)**Items 5 and 6** Working Group of the Whole**Tuesday, 11 June 2002****561st meeting**

10-10.30 a.m. (closed)

10.30-11.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 4 Republic of the Congo, initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/COG/1-5)

Introduction by the representative of the State party

Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

562nd meeting

3-5 p.m.

(closed)

Item 4 Republic of the Congo (continued)**Items 5 and 6** Working Group of the Whole**Wednesday, 12 June 2002****563rd meeting**

10-10.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 4 Denmark, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/DEN/4 and CEDAW/C/DEN/5 and Add.1 and Corr.1)

Introduction by the representative of the State party

Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

564th meeting

3-5 p.m.

(closed)

Item 4 Denmark (continued)**Items 5 and 6** Working Group of the Whole**Thursday, 13 June 2002****565th meeting**

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

(closed)

Item 4 Replies (Saint Kitts and Nevis)**Items 5 and 6** Working Group of the Whole**566th meeting**

3-5.30 p.m.

(closed)

Item 4 Replies (Suriname)**Items 5 and 6** Working Group of the Whole

*Date time**Agenda item Documentation programme***Friday, 14 June 2002****567th meeting**

10-10.30 a.m.

Item 4 Tunisia, combined third and fourth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/TUN/3-4)

Introduction by the representative of the State party

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

568th meeting

3-5 p.m.

Item 4 Tunisia (continued)

(closed)

Items 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole**Monday, 17 June 2002****569th meeting**

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Item 4 Replies (Congo)

(closed)

Item 4 Working Group of the Whole

3 p.m. (closed)

Item 4 Meeting with State parties to the Convention**Tuesday, 18 June 2002**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)

Item 4 Working Group of the Whole

3 p.m. (closed)

Item 4 Working Group of the Whole**Wednesday, 19 June 2002**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)

Items 4, 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole

3 p.m. (closed)

Items 4, 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole**Thursday, 20 June 2002**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)

Items 4, 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole

3 p.m. (closed)

Items 4, 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole**Friday, 21 June 2002**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)

Items 4, 5 and 6 Working Group of the Whole

Date time

Agenda item Documentation programme

570th meeting

3 p.m.

Items 5 and 6 Adoption of the reports of the Committee under items 5 and 6

Item 7 Provisional agenda for the exceptional session and for the twenty-eighth session

Item 8 Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-seventh session
