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of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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against Women**

Thirty-eighth session

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Annotations

Item 1

Opening of the session

The thirty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the first substantive item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. 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 thirty-seventh session, the Committee approved the agenda for its thirty-eighth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2007/II/1)

Item 3

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth 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 this 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 thirty-seventh 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 that request.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the initial report of Mauritania (CEDAW/C/MRT/1); the combined initial and second periodic report of Mozambique (CEDAW/C/MOZ/1-2); the combined initial and second periodic report of the Niger (CEDAW/C/NER/1-2); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Pakistan (CEDAW/C/PAK/1-3); the initial report of Serbia (CEDAW/C/SCG/1); the combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Sierra Leone (CEDAW/C/SLE/5); the initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic (CEDAW/C/SYR/1) and the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Vanuatu (CEDAW/C/VUT/1-3).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the reports of the State are 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 thirty-eighth 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. 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 thirty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2007/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 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 thirty-eighth session met in New York from 31 July to 4 August 2006. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee.

Documentation

Initial report of Mauritania (CEDAW/C/MRT/1)

Combined initial and second periodic report of Mozambique (CEDAW/C/MOZ/1-2)

Combined initial and second periodic report of the Niger (CEDAW/C/NER/1-2)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Pakistan (CEDAW/C/PAK/1-3)

Initial report of Serbia (CEDAW/C/SCG/1)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Sierra Leone (CEDAW/C/SLE/5)

Initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic (CEDAW/C/SYR/1)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Vanuatu (CEDAW/C/VUT/1-3)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2007/I/CRP.1)

List of issues and questions

Mauritania (CEDAW/C/MRT/Q/1)

Mozambique (CEDAW/C/MOZ/Q/2)

Niger (CEDAW/C/NER/Q/2)

Pakistan (CEDAW/C/PAK/Q/3)

Serbia (CEDAW/C/SCG/Q/1)

Sierra Leone (CEDAW/C/SLE/Q/5)

Syrian Arab Republic (CEDAW/C/SYR/Q/1)

Vanuatu (CEDAW/C/VUT/Q/3)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Mauritania (CEDAW/C/MRT/Q/1/Add.1)
Mozambique (CEDAW/C/MOZ/Q/2/Add.1)
Niger (CEDAW/C/NER/Q/2/Add.1)
Pakistan (CEDAW/C/PAK/Q/3/Add.1)
Serbia (CEDAW/C/SCG/Q/1/Add.1)
Sierra Leone (CEDAW/C/SLE/Q/5/Add.1)
Syrian Arab Republic (CEDAW/C/SYR/Q/1/Add.1)
Vanuatu (CEDAW/C/VUT/Q/3/Add.1)

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.

Task forces on a general recommendation on article 2 of the Convention and on migrant women, respectively, will brief the Committee on progress achieved.

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

Article 22 of the Convention 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 thirty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports provided by the specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/II/3/Add.4)

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

Before each session, the Secretariat prepares a pre-session 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 information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2007/II/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2007/II/4)

Item 7**Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in December 2000, the Committee established the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group for a two-year term until 31 December 2008.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

Item 8**Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session**

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of each session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee

Item 9**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session**

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 14 May 2007		
774th meeting		
10-11 a.m.	1	Opening of the session
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Committee
	4	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-session working group
	5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)		Informal meeting with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 15 May 2007		
775th meeting		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	4	Niger, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/NER/1-2)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Question by experts and dialogue with the Committee
776th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Niger (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Wednesday, 16 May 2007		
777th meeting		
	4 (continued)	Serbia, initial report (CEDAW/C/SCG/1)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
778th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Serbia (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 17 May 2007		
779th meeting		
	4 (continued)	Sierra Leone, combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/SLE/5)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
780th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Sierra Leone (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 18 May 2007		
781st meeting		
	4 (continued)	Vanuatu, combined initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/VUT/1-3)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
782nd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Vanuatu (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 21 May 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Tuesday, 22 May 2007		
783rd meeting		
	4 (continued)	Pakistan, combined initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/PAK/1-3)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
784th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Pakistan (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 23 May 2007		
785th meeting		
	4 (continued)	Mozambique, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/MOZ/1-2)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
786th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Mozambique (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 24 May 2007		
787th meeting		
	4 (continued)	Syrian Arab Republic, initial report (CEDAW/C/SYR/1)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
788th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Syrian Arab Republic (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Friday, 25 May 2007		
789th meeting		
	4 (continued)	Mauritania, initial report (CEDAW/C/MRT/1)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
790th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	4 (continued)	Mauritania (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 28 May 2007		
Official holiday		
Tuesday, 29 May 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 30 May 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5 and 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 31 May 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5 and 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 1 June 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	4 (concluded)	Working Group of the Whole
3-4 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	5, 6 and 7 (concluded)	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole
791st meeting		
4-6 p.m.	8	Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session
	9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session