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of All Forms of Discrimination  
against Women**

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**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women**

**Forty-fifth session**

18 January-5 February 2010

**Provisional agenda**

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## **Annotations**

### **Item 1**

#### **Opening of the session**

The forty-fifth 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 forty-fourth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its forty-fifth session.

### **Item 3**

#### **Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions of the Committee**

Under item 3, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the work of the Committee.

## **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2010/45/1)

### **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 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 forty-fifth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the initial periodic report of the United Arab Emirates (CEDAW/C/ARE/1); the combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Botswana (CEDAW/C/BOT/3); the fourth periodic report of Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/4); the combined fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports of Panama (CEDAW/C/PAN/7); the fifth periodic report of the Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/5) together with the fourth and fifth periodic reports of the Netherlands (Aruba) (CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.1 and CEDAW/C/NLD/5/Add.1), the fourth and fifth periodic reports of the Netherlands (Netherlands Antilles) (CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.2 and CEDAW/C/NLD/5/Add.2); the sixth periodic report of Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/6); the combined sixth and

seventh periodic reports of Egypt (CEDAW/C/EGY/7); and the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/7).

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 report.

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, as well as a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

At its forty-fifth 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/2010/45/2).

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 States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the forty-fifth session met in Geneva from 9 to 13 February 2009. The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2010/CRP.1) and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the working group will be before the Committee.

### **Documentation**

Combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Botswana (CEDAW/C/BOT/3)

Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Egypt (CEDAW/C/EGY/7)

Sixth periodic report of Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/6)

Fifth periodic report of the Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/5)

Fourth periodic report of the Netherlands (Aruba) (CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.1)

Fourth periodic report of the Netherlands (Netherlands Antilles)  
(CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.2)

Fifth periodic report of the Netherlands (Aruba) (CEDAW/C/NLD/5/Add.1)

Fifth periodic report of the Netherlands (Netherlands Antilles)  
(CEDAW/C/NLD/5/Add.2)

Combined fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports of Panama  
(CEDAW/C/PAN/7)

Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/7)

Initial periodic report of the United Arab Emirates (CEDAW/C/ARE/1)

Fourth periodic report of Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/4)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2010/I/CRP.1)

*Lists of issues and questions*

Botswana (CEDAW/C/BOT/Q/3)  
Egypt (CEDAW/C/EGY/Q/7)  
Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/Q/6)  
Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/Q/5)  
Panama (CEDAW/C/PAN/Q/7)  
Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/Q/7)  
United Arab Emirates (CEDAW/C/ARE/Q/1)  
Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/Q/4)

*Responses to the lists of issues and questions*

Botswana (CEDAW/C/BOT/Q/3/Add.1)  
Egypt (CEDAW/C/EGY/Q/7/Add.1)  
Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/Q/6/Add.1)  
Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/Q/5/Add.1)  
Panama (CEDAW/C/PAN/Q/7/Add.1)  
Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/Q/7/Add.1)  
United Arab Emirates (CEDAW/C/ARE/Q/1/Add.1)  
Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/Q/4/Add.1)

**Item 5**

**Implementation of articles 21 and 22 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.

The task force on a general recommendation on article 2 will brief the Committee on progress achieved. Information will also be provided by the Chairpersons of the working groups on proposed general recommendations on the rights of older women and the economic consequences of divorce.

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 forty-fifth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports by specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2010/45/3 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/2010/45/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2010/45/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2010/45/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2010/45/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2010/45/3/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, which contains information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee and information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2010/45/4)

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

The sixteenth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 12 to 15 January 2010.

During its forty-fifth 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 forty-sixth session of the Committee****Documentation**

Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2010/46/1)

**Item 9****Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session**

**Annex****Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 18 January 2010</b>		
<b>906th meeting</b>		
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 forty-fourth and forty-fifth 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 articles 21 and 22 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.		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies (closed)
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-5.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5.30-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
<b>Tuesday, 19 January 2010</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations to discuss their interactions with the Committee
5-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Wednesday, 20 January 2010</b>		
<b>907th meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
		Uzbekistan, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/UZB/4)
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>908th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Uzbekistan ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 21 January 2010</b>		
<b>909th meeting</b>		
	4	Ukraine, combined sixth and seventh periodic reports (CEDAW/C/UKR/7)
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>910th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Ukraine ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 22 January 2010</b>		
<b>911th meeting</b>		
		Malawi, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MWI/6)
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>912th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Malawi ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Monday, 25 January 2010</b>		
<b>913th meeting</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-5.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5.30-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 26 January 2010</b>		
<b>914th meeting</b>		
		United Arab Emirates, initial periodic report (CEDAW/C/ARE/1)
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>915th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	United Arab Emirates ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.		Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 27 January 2010</b>		
<b>916th meeting</b>		
	4	Netherlands, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NLD/5)
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party



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10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>917th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Netherlands ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 28 January 2010</b>		
<b>918th meeting</b>		
	4	Egypt, combined sixth and seventh periodic reports (CEDAW/C/EGY/7)
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
<b>919th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Egypt ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 29 January 2010</b>		
<b>920th meeting</b>		
	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Botswana, combined initial to third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/BOT/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
<b>921st meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Botswana ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 1 February 2010</b>		
<b>922nd meeting</b>		
	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Panama, combined fourth to seventh periodic reports (CEDAW/C/PAN/7)
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
<b>923rd meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Panama ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 2 February 2010</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 3 February 2010</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 4 February 2010</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6 and 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 5 February 2010</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4 p.m.	5, 6 and 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole

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<b>924th meeting</b>		
4-6 p.m.	8	Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session
	9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session

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