



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

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## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

**Fiftieth session**

3–21 October 2011

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### Annotations

#### 1. Opening of the session

The fiftieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chair of the Committee.

#### 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 Chair, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17–22 of the Convention.

At its forty-ninth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its fiftieth session.

**3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the Committee**

Under item 3, the Chair 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/50/1)

**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.

The reports of the following States are scheduled to be considered at the fiftieth session of the Committee: Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mauritius, Montenegro, Oman and Paraguay.

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 fiftieth 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/48/2).

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 fiftieth session met in Geneva from 7 to 11 February 2011. The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/C/PSWG/50/1) 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

### *Reports*

- Combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Chad (CEDAW/C/TCD/1-4)
- Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Côte d'Ivoire (CEDAW/C/CIV/1-3)
- Combined third and fourth periodic report of Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/3-4)
- Combined initial, second, third and fourth periodic report of Lesotho (CEDAW/C/LSO/1-4)
- Combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MUS/6-7 and Corr.1)
- Initial report of the Republic of Montenegro (CEDAW/C/MNE/1)
- Initial report of Oman (CEDAW/C/OMN/1)
- Sixth periodic report of Paraguay (CEDAW/C/PAR/6 and Corr.1)

### *Lists of issues and questions*

- Chad (CEDAW/C/TCD//Q/1-4)
- Côte d'Ivoire (CEDAW/C/CIV/Q/1-3)
- Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/Q/3-4)
- Lesotho (CEDAW/C/LSO/Q/1-4)
- Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MUS/Q/6-7)
- Montenegro (CEDAW/C/MNE/Q/1)
- Oman (CEDAW/C/OMN/Q/1)
- Paraguay (CEDAW/C/PRY/Q/6)

### *Responses to the lists of issues and questions*

- Chad (CEDAW/C/TCD//Q/1-4/Add.1-3)
- Côte d'Ivoire (CEDAW/C/CIV/Q/1-3/Add.1)
- Kuwait (CEDAW/C/KWT/Q/3-4/Add.1)
- Lesotho (CEDAW/C/LSO/Q/1-4/Add.1)
- Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MUS/Q/6-7/Add.1)
- Montenegro (CEDAW/C/MNE/Q/1/Add.1)
- Oman (CEDAW/C/OMN/Q/1/Add.1)
- Paraguay (CEDAW/C/PRY/Q/6/Add.1)

## **5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee decided to add "Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" as an item on the agenda.

The Committee will discuss matters relating to follow-up to concluding observations.

**6. 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 to the General Assembly, together with comments, if any, from States parties.

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 fiftieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports by the specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/50/3 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/50/3 and addenda).

**7. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**

The Committee will discuss matters relating to its methods of work.

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

The twenty-first session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 28 to 30 September 2011.

During its fiftieth session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

**9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee**

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session (CEDAW/C/51/1).

**10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fiftieth session**

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 3 October 2011</b>		
<b>997th meeting</b>		
10-11.30 a.m.	1	Opening of the session
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the forty-ninth and fiftieth 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	Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	6	Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	7	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal meeting with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies ( <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, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 4 October 2011</b>		
<b>998th meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
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>999th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 5 October 2011</b>		
<b>1000th meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
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>1001st meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 6 October 2011</b>		
<b>1002nd meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10:30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>1003rd meeting</b>	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 7 October 2011</b>		
<b>1004th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>1005th meeting</b>	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Monday, 10 October 2011</b>		
<b>1006th meeting</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7, 8	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 11 October 2011</b>		
<b>1007th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>1008th meeting</b>	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 12 October 2011</b>		
<b>1009th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>1010th meeting</b>	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 13 October 2011</b>		
<b>1011th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>1012th meeting</b>	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 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>
		<i>(continued)</i>
5-6 p.m.	4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Friday, 14 October 2011</b>		
<b>1013th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
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>1014th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 <i>(continued)</i>	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee <i>(continued)</i>
5-6 p.m.	4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Monday, 17 October 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Tuesday, 18 October 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Wednesday, 19 October 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Thursday, 20 October 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Friday, 21 October 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-4 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>1015th meeting</b>		
4-6 p.m.	9	Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session
	10	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fiftieth session