



Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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List of issues and questions in relation to the eighth periodic report of Denmark*

General context

1. The report ([CEDAW/C/DNK/8](#)) contains no information on measures taken to implement the Committee's previous recommendations ([CEDAW/C/DEN/CO/7](#)). Please provide detailed information in this regard, including on whether the State party has ensured a clear and efficient division of responsibilities across relevant government structures to implement the recommendations. Please also indicate what measures were taken to prepare the report, in particular whether effective coordination and reporting mechanisms were established in accordance with the principles contained in the Committee's general recommendation No. 28 on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention.

Legislative and institutional framework

2. Please indicate whether the State party envisages incorporating all provisions enshrined in the Convention into its national law and into the legislation of the Faroe Islands and Greenland. Please indicate whether the Convention has been invoked before the courts, giving examples of such cases, if any. Please also indicate whether elements of the Convention are being integrated into capacity-building programmes for lawyers, judges, prosecutors, police officers and other law enforcement officials.

National machinery for the advancement of women

3. Please provide information on the resources allocated to the strategy for the gender mainstreaming of initiatives by public authorities, which was launched in 2013. Please indicate the measures envisaged to systematically apply a gender impact assessment of all new bills in order to ensure that the implementation of laws has no adverse impact on achieving de facto substantive equality of women and men. Please also indicate whether the State party has introduced at all levels — ministerial, regional and municipal — effective monitoring and accountability

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mechanisms for the implementation of the gender mainstreaming strategy and has included sanctions for non-compliance in such mechanisms, as recommended by the Committee in its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/DEN/CO/7, para. 19). Please indicate whether the Governments of the Faroe Islands and Greenland have adopted or envisage adopting a gender mainstreaming strategy.

4. Please indicate whether the State party envisages broadening the mandate of the national human rights institution in Denmark and Greenland to cover the Faroe Islands. Please provide information on action taken, including in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, to ensure that an adequate level of funding is made available for non-governmental organizations to carry out their work, including contributing to the work of the Committee.

Temporary special measures

5. The report is silent regarding temporary special measures taken, including in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, in accordance with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 on the subject, to accelerate the practical realization of de facto equality of women and men. Please indicate any obstacles to implementing such measures and whether the State party envisages adopting specific temporary special measures, including in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, to accelerate the practical realization of such equality, as recommended by the Committee in its previous concluding observations (ibid., para. 21).

Stereotypes and harmful practices

6. While information is provided on measures taken to increase the participation of women in traditionally male-dominated fields of education and employment, the same is not true for the elimination of gender-stereotyped roles for women and men. Please provide any relevant information in this regard, including information concerning minority and migrant women.

Violence against women

7. Please indicate how rape, marital rape and sexual harassment are defined in the legislation of the State party. Please provide information on the number of investigations and convictions in cases of rape over the past four years and the number of women murdered by their intimate partners. Please provide information on the mechanisms in place to ensure the effective use of restraining orders, barring orders and evictions as tools for the police to prevent and combat domestic violence. Please indicate whether the State party envisages adopting a specific law on violence against women, including domestic violence.

8. As recommended by the Committee in its previous concluding observations (ibid., para. 31), please indicate whether the national action plans to combat violence ensure that victims of domestic violence have access to immediate means of redress and protection, including protection orders, a sufficient number of State-funded safe shelters, also accessible to women with disabilities, and legal aid. Please also indicate whether measures have been taken to provide free access to long-term psychological treatment for women who are victims of violence, even if they are not in contact with a shelter.

9. Please indicate the measures taken to ensure that foreign married women who are victims of domestic violence are provided with flexible solutions with regard to their residence permits and whether clear legal guarantees and administrative guidelines for their protection have been provided.

10. The Committee has been informed that there is a lack of legislation providing for effective protection of victims of violence, including restraining orders, and that the data on the prevalence of all forms of violence against women in the Faroe Islands and Greenland are insufficient. Please indicate the measures taken to address those issues. Please also indicate whether the Faroe Islands has developed an action plan to combat violence against women. Please indicate whether a gender-specific formulation of the Greenland 2014-2017 Strategy and Action Plan against Violence can be envisaged, given that the current neutral formulation misses the specificity of violence by men against women and neglects the root causes of violence suffered by women. Please also indicate whether it can be regarded as a set of comprehensive measures to address violence against women and girls in accordance with the Committee's general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women and provide information on the resources allocated to it and on the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of its implementation.

Trafficking in women and exploitation of prostitution

11. Please provide information on the number of complaints received regarding trafficking in women and exploitation of prostitution and on investigations, prosecutions, convictions and penalties imposed on the perpetrators of such crimes. Please indicate whether a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the third National Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2011-2014) has been established. Please provide information on efforts envisaged to further enhance the prevention of and efforts to combat trafficking in women and exploitation of prostitution and to increase the allocation of financial resources to that effect.

12. Please indicate whether the State party envisages granting special protection, including temporary residence permits, to victims of trafficking, even when they are unwilling or unable to cooperate with the prosecution authorities, and focusing its efforts on the rehabilitation of the victims more than on their repatriation to their countries of origin.

13. It is indicated that guidelines were launched in June 2012 to allow the withdrawal of charges against victims of trafficking when violations relate to their status as victims of trafficking (e.g. forgery of documents in connection with entry papers). Please indicate whether a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the guidelines has been established. Please provide information on the training provided to law enforcement officers to better identify victims of trafficking.

14. Please provide the exact definition of prostitution in the legislation of the State party. Please indicate whether the State party envisages adopting legal measures aimed at discouraging the demand for prostitution.

15. The report is silent as regards cases of trafficking in persons in the Faroe Islands, while it is indicated that no cases of organized prostitution and trafficking in women have been reported to the Chief Constable of Greenland. Please indicate

whether Greenland and the Faroe Islands envisage carrying out a study on the prevalence of trafficking in women and girls and prostitution.

Participation in political and public life

16. Considering the low representation of women at the municipality and regional levels in the State party, in addition to the overall low level of participation of women in political and public life in Greenland and the Faroe Islands, please indicate whether the State party plans to introduce temporary special measures for regional and local elections in Denmark and for the participation of women in political and public life in Greenland and the Faroe Islands, in accordance with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25.

Education

17. Mention is made of the lower number of women in traditionally male-dominated fields of study in Denmark and in Greenland, but no information is provided on the situation in the Faroe Islands. Please provide data on the professional and academic choices of women and men at all relevant educational levels in the Faroe Islands and indicate whether the State party envisages adopting specific measures aimed at increasing the enrolment of women in traditionally male-dominated fields of study, including in Greenland. Please indicate whether gender mainstreaming measures have been systematically taken in Danish primary schools. Please also indicate the measures taken to address the lower success rates for female applicants at the Danish councils for independent and strategic research and the fewer applications by women than men for research grants at the councils. Please also indicate whether the *RESEARCH2020* catalogue takes into account a gender mainstreaming perspective.

Employment

18. It is indicated that a bill on increasing the number of women in company boards and management positions was passed by Parliament on 14 December 2012. Please indicate the impact of the bill on the number of women in decision-making positions. Please indicate the measures envisaged to eliminate occupational segregation, both horizontal and vertical, narrow and close the wage gap between women and men, promote equal sharing of family responsibilities between women and men, establish a more equal sharing of parental leave between both parents and give women priority for available full-time employment positions, including in Greenland and the Faroe Islands. Please indicate the measures taken and envisaged to address the disproportionately high number of unemployed women in villages of Greenland. Moreover, in its previous concluding observations, the Committee recommended that action should be taken to ensure that the implementation of a gender equality policy constituted a requirement for granting public procurement contracts ([CEDAW/C/DEN/CO/7](#), para. 29). This has also been recognized as an explicit policy in the European Union public procurement regime. Please indicate whether the State party has implemented the Committee's recommendation and whether it intends to adopt that European Union policy.

Health

19. It is indicated that prevention packages were developed in 2011 to reduce the rate of unwanted pregnancies in Denmark. It is also indicated that a national action plan on unwanted pregnancies was developed and was scheduled to be launched in 2013 in Greenland. Please provide information on the impact of the measures taken to decrease the rate of unwanted pregnancies. Please indicate whether the State party has undertaken studies and/or surveys on the root causes of the high rate of abortion among young women. Please indicate whether access to free abortion is available in the Faroe Islands and specify the rate of abortion there.

Disadvantaged groups of women

20. Please provide information on access by migrant women, women from minority groups and women with disabilities to all the rights enshrined in the Convention. Please describe the reception conditions for women asylum seekers and measures to protect asylum-seeking women and girls from becoming victims of trafficking or sexual exploitation. Please provide statistical data, disaggregated by sex, on the number of cases in which residence permits or asylum have been granted. Please also indicate whether the State party has introduced gender-based persecution as a ground for refugee status determination and whether it intends to develop, or make publicly available, guidelines on asylum claims based on gender-related persecution, including guidance on the identification of victims of trafficking, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and domestic violence, to ensure that claimants are granted refugee status under section 7 (1) of the Aliens Act.

Marriage and family relations

21. Please provide information on the current situation regarding forced marriage in the State party and on the impact of the national strategy against forced marriage and other honour-related violence. Please also indicate whether adequate funding is allocated to the strategy. Regarding cases of family reunification, please indicate whether the State party has assessed the impact on foreign women of the requirements that both spouses must have attained the age of 24 years and that their aggregate ties with Denmark must be stronger than their ties with any other country unless the spouse living in Denmark has been a Danish national or has been residing in Denmark for more than 28 years. The Committee has received information concerning discrimination against foreign women married to Danish men with regard to the custody of their children. Please provide detailed information on the number of cases under the judicial system and the national authorities dealing with them. Please also indicate whether due consideration is being given to violence against women when resolving such cases.