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Fifty-eighth session**

Summary record (partial)* of the 1244th meeting**

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Friday, 18 July 2014, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Ms. Ameline

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 4.45 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-eighth session

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1. **Ms. Bailey** (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft report, which was contained in document CEDAW/C/2014/II/CRP. She drew attention to chapter IV of the draft report concerning the draft concluding observations on the eight State party reports that the Committee had considered during its fifty-eighth session, which were contained in documents CEDAW/C/CAF/CO/1-5; CEDAW/C/GEO/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/IND/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/LTU/CO/5; CEDAW/C/MRT/CO/2-3; CEDAW/C/PER/CO/7-8; CEDAW/C/SWZ/CO/1-2; CEDAW/C/SYR/CO/2.
2. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the documents containing the draft concluding observations.
3. *It was so decided.*
4. **Ms. Bailey** introduced the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, contained in chapters VI and VII of the draft report. She introduced the provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session, contained in the draft report.
5. *The provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session was adopted.*
6. *The draft report of the Committee on its fifty-eighth session was adopted as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

Statement by the Chairperson

7. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee had held informal meetings with NGOs and national human rights institutions and had attended several lunchtime briefings organized by NGOs. She encouraged United Nations entities, NGOs and national human rights institutions to continue to provide country-specific information to the Committee and promote the implementation of its recommendations. The Committee was confident that its recommendations, which drew on general recommendation No. 30 on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, would assist humanitarian efforts on the ground in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Central African Republic.
8. The Committee had progressed nicely on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system and had decided to offer States parties the option of using the simplified reporting procedure.
9. The Committee had held a half day of general discussion on girls' and women's right to education and, thanks to the many contributions from a range of partners, would begin preparing a draft general recommendation on that topic. The briefings held with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and UN-Women would inform the Committee's draft general recommendation on gender equality in the context of climate change and natural disasters. Furthermore, the Committee had proceeded with the first reading of the draft general recommendation on harmful practices, which was a joint effort with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and of the draft general recommendation on gender-related dimensions of refugee status, asylum and statelessness.

10. The Committee had held a meeting with the Human Rights Committee to discuss their respective jurisprudence on abortion and the minimum marriage age and it was hoped that more such meetings between treaty bodies would take place. It had also met with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, and a discussion would be held at the next session regarding the effectiveness of the international normative framework on violence against women.

11. The Committee had adopted findings and recommendations in relation to inquiry No. 2011/1. However, it was apparent that its capacity to process inquiries was limited; therefore, the task force on inquiries would hold an informal meeting at the next session to consider innovative solutions in order for the Committee to fully discharge its mandate under article 8 of the Optional Protocol. It had also adopted Views concerning an individual communication against Spain and had found inadmissible an individual communication against the Philippines. Lastly, the Committee had adopted a statement on the current situation in Gaza.

Closure of the session

12. Following an exchange of courtesies, the Chairperson declared the fifty-eighth session closed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.