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Chairperson: Ms. González

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The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session

1. *The provisional agenda for the twenty-first session was adopted.*

Adoption of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its twentieth session (CEDAW/C/1999/I/L.1 and Add.1 to 8; CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.I/WP.1, CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.1 and CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.2/Rev.1)

CEDAW/C/1999/I/L.1 and Add.1 to 8

2. **Ms. Acar**, Rapporteur, introducing the Committee's draft report, said that the amendments to the reports had already been adopted.

3. *Documents CEDAW/C/1999/I/L.1 and Add.1 to 8, as amended, were adopted.*

*CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.I/WP.1,
CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.1 and
CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.2/Rev.1*

4. **Ms. Acar**, Rapporteur, introduced the draft reports of Working Groups I and II.

5. *Documents CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.I/WP.1, CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.1 and CEDAW/C/1999/I/WG.II/WP.2/Rev.1 were adopted.*

6. **The Chairperson** said that, according to the calendar of conferences for 1999, the Committee's twenty-first session would be held in New York from 7 to 25 June 1999, and the pre-session working group would meet from 28 June to 2 July 1999.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. **The Chairperson** said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to recommend that the Chairperson or an alternate should attend the following in 1999: forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women; fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights; Eleventh Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies; and the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (Third Committee).

9. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

10. **Ms. King** (Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women) said that the Committee had made considerable progress in streamlining its methods of work and developing a practice of constructive dialogue and interaction with States parties.

11. She noted the increased interest of non-governmental organizations in the Committee's work. The Committee's openness to non-governmental organizations and civil society in general was certain to enhance public awareness of the Convention and strengthen its implementation by States parties.

12. She reiterated her personal commitment to support the Committee. In that connection, she had been exploring ways to encourage reporting by States parties whose initial reports were long overdue. The Division for the Advancement of Women would organize a reporting workshop in West Africa later in the year, and she hoped that other workshops would follow.

13. After an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 6.25 p.m.