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Annotations

Item 1

Opening of the session

The thirty-ninth 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 thirty-eighth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2007/III/1)

Item 3

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

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 undertake to 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.

Based on General Assembly resolution 60/230, at its thirty-ninth session the Committee will meet in parallel chambers to consider periodic reports of States parties. At its thirty-seventh session the Committee decided to invite 14 States parties to present their periodic reports and one State party to present its initial report. All 15 States parties agreed to that request.

At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee agreed on the need for basic and consistent criteria for determining membership in chambers while recognizing the need for some flexibility to make adjustments in the composition of the two chambers, as may be necessary. These criteria include fair geographical balance of experts between the two chambers; length of experience of experts on the Committee; assignment of experts who are nationals of a reporting State to the chamber that is not considering the report from that State party; assignment of office holders of the Committee to each chamber; and geographical balance, to the extent possible, of States whose reports are to be taken up in each chamber. Taking these criteria into account, the Committee agreed to decide on the membership in chambers based on a proposal to be submitted by its Bureau for action by the Committee in advance of each session.

Also at its thirty-seventh session, the Committee established the composition of the parallel chambers for the thirty-ninth session (see annex II).

At its thirty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the initial report of Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/1); the combined third and

fourth periodic report of Belize (CEDAW/C/BLZ/3-4); the sixth periodic report of Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/6); the fourth periodic report of Estonia (CEDAW/C/EST/4); the combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Guinea (CEDAW/C/GIN/4-6); the combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Honduras (CEDAW/C/HON/4-6); the sixth periodic report of Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/6); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Indonesia (CEDAW/C/IDN/4-5); the combined third and fourth periodic report of Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/3-4); the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/6); the second and third periodic reports of Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/2 and CEDAW/C/LIE/3); the sixth periodic report of New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/6); the seventh periodic report of Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/7); the fifth and sixth periodic reports of the Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/5 and CEDAW/C/KOR/6) and the third periodic report of Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/3).

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 that State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the report. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-sixth session.

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 thirty-ninth 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/2007/III/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 thirty-ninth session met from 5 to 9 February 2007. The report of the pre-session working group 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

Initial report of Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/1)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Belize (CEDAW/C/BLZ/3-4)

Sixth periodic report of Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/6)

Fourth periodic report of Estonia (CEDAW/C/EST/4)

Combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Guinea (CEDAW/C/GIN/4-6)

Combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Honduras (CEDAW/C/HON/4-6)

Sixth periodic report of Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/6)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Indonesia (CEDAW/C/IDN/4-5)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/3-4)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/6)

Second and third periodic reports of Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/2 and CEDAW/C/LIE/3)

Sixth periodic report of New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/6)

Seventh periodic report of Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/7)

Fifth and sixth periodic reports of the Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/5 and CEDAW/C/KOR/6)

Third periodic report of Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/3)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2007/I/CRP.1)

Lists of issues and questions

Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/Q/1)

Belize (CEDAW/C/BLZ/Q/4)

Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/Q/6)

Estonia (CEDAW/C/EST/Q/4)

Guinea (CEDAW/C/GIN/Q/6)

Honduras CEDAW/C/HON/Q/6)

Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/Q/6)

Indonesia (CEDAW/C/IDN/Q/5)

Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/Q/4)

Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/Q/6)

Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/Q/3)

New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/Q/6)

Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/Q/7)

Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/Q/6)

Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/Q/3)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/Q/1/Add.1)

Belize (CEDAW/C/BLZ/Q/4/Add.1)

Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/Q/6/Add.1)

Estonia (CEDAW/C/EST/Q/4/Add.1)

Guinea (CEDAW/C/GIN/Q/6/Add.1)

Honduras CEDAW/C/HON/Q/6/Add.1)

Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/Q/6/Add.1)

Indonesia (CEDAW/C/IDN/Q/5/Add.1)

Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/Q/4/Add.1)

Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/Q/6/Add.1)

Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/Q/3/Add.1)

New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/Q/6/Add.1)

Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/Q/7/Add.1)

Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/Q/6/Add.1)

Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/Q/3/Add.1)

Item 5

Implementation of article 21 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.

Task forces on a general recommendation on migrant women and a general recommendation on article 2 will brief the Committee on progress achieved.

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 thirty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2007/III/3 and Add. 1-4).

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/2007/III/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/ C/2007/III/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/III/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/III/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/III/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, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2007/III/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2007/III/4)

Item 7

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

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in December 2000, the Committee established the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group for a two-year term until 31 December 2008.

The tenth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 18 to 20 July 2007.

At its thirty-ninth 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 fortieth session of the Committee

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of each session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Committee

Item 9

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-ninth session

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Monday, 23 July 2007			
792nd meeting			
10-11 a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session	
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	
	Item 3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Committee	
	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: report of the pre-session working group	
	Item 5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement	
	Item 6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement	
11 a.m1 p.m.		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies (closed)	
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations	
5-6 p.m.	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
Tuesday, 24 July 2007			
793rd meeting		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention	
Chamber A		Belize, combined third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BLZ/3-4)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Chamber B		Estonia, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/EST/4)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
794th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Belize (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Estonia (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Wednesday, 25 July 200)7		
795th meeting			
Chamber A		Guinea, combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/GIN/4-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Brazil, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BRA/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
796th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Guinea (continued)	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Brazil (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Thursday, 26 July 2007			
797th meeting			
Chamber A		Honduras, combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/HON/4-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Liechtenstein, second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/LIE/2) and (CEDAW/C/LIE/3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
798th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Honduras (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Liechtenstein (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	

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Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Friday, 27 July 2007			
799th meeting			
Chamber A		Indonesia, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/IDN/4-5)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Kenya, combined fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/KEN/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
800th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Indonesia (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Kenya (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Monday, 30 July 2007			
10 a.m1 p.m.		Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol (closed)	
3-5 pm		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations	
5-6 p.m.	Item 7	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Tuesday, 31 July 2007			
801st meeting			
Chamber A		Hungary, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/HUN/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Republic of Korea, fifth and sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/KOR/5) and (CEDAW/C/KOR/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
802nd meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Hungary (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Republic of Korea (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Wednesday, 1 August 2007			
803rd meeting			
Chamber A		Singapore, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/SGP/3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Chamber B		Norway, seventh periodic report (CEDAW/C/NOR/7)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
804th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Singapore (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Norway (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Thursday, 2 August 2007			
805th meeting			
Chamber A		Jordan, combined third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/JOR/3-4)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		New Zealand, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NZL /6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
806th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Jordan (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	New Zealand (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group (closed)	
Friday, 3 August 2007			
807th meeting			
	Item 4 (continued)	Cook Islands, initial report (CEDAW/C/COK/1)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
808th meeting			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Cook Islands (continued)	
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
Monday, 6 August 2007			
10 a.m1 p.m.	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
3-6 p.m.	Item 7 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
Tuesday, 7 August 2007			
10 a.m1 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
3-6 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Wednesday, 8 August 2007	,		
10 a.m1 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
3-6 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
Thursday, 9 August 2007			
10 a.m1 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
3-6 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
Friday, 10 August 2007			
10 a.m1 p.m.		Working Group of the Whole (closed)	
3-4 p.m.	Adoption of the report of the Working Grouthe Whole (closed)		
809th meeting			
4-6 p.m.	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the fortieth session	
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-ninth session	

Annex II

Overview of the proposed programme of work of the thirty-ninth session and composition of chambers

Date	Plenary	Chamber A	Chamber B
		Ferdous Ara Begum	Magalys Arocha
		Saisuree Chutikul	Meriem Belmihoub-
		Naela Gabr	Zerdani
		Françoise Gaspard	Dorcas Coker-Appiah
		Tiziana Maiolo	Shanthi Dairiam
		Violeta Neubauer	Cees Flinterman
		Pramila Patten	Hazel Gumede Shelton
		Silvia Pimentel	Ruth Halperin-Kaddari
		Fumiko Saiga	Dubravka Šimonović
		Hanna Beate Schöpp-	Anamah Tan
		Schilling	Maria Regina Tavares da Silva
		Heisoo Shin	Xiaoqiao Zou
		Glenda Simms	Muoqiuo Zou
23 July 792nd meeting	Opening of session; meetings with United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations		
24 July 793rd and 794th meetings		Belize	Estonia
25 July 795th and 796th meetings		Guinea	Brazil
26 July 797th and 798th meetings		Honduras	Liechtenstein
27 July 799th and 800th meetings		Indonesia	Kenya

Date	Plenary	Chamber A	Chamber B
30 July	Meeting with non-governmental organizations; other items		
31 July 801st and 802nd meetings		Hungary	Republic of Korea
1 August 803rd and 804th meetings		Singapore	Norway
2 August 805th and 806th meetings		Jordan	New Zealand
3 August 807th and 808th meetings	Cook Islands		
6 August	Closed meeting		
7 August	Closed meeting		
8 August	Closed meeting		
9 August	Closed meeting		
10 August 809th meeting	Closing of session (p.m.)		