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of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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against Women**

Forty-eighth session

17 January-4 February 2011

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

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

* Late submission.

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 to 22 of the Convention.

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session.

3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the forty-seventh and forty-eighth 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/48/1)

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.

At its forty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Bangladesh (CEDAW/C/BGD/6-7); the seventh periodic report of Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/7); the fourth and fifth periodic reports of Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/4 and 5); the seventh periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/7); the fourth periodic report of Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/4); the combined second to fourth periodic report of South Africa (CEDAW/C/ZAF/2-4); and the combined fifth to seventh periodic report of Sri Lanka (CEDAW/C/LKA/5-7).

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 forty-eighth 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 forty-eighth session met in New York from 2 to 6 August 2010. The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2010/48) 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 sixth and seventh periodic report of Bangladesh (CEDAW/C/BGD/6-7)

Seventh periodic report of Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/7)

Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/4 and 5)

Seventh periodic report of Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/7)

Fourth periodic report of Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/4)

Combined second to fourth periodic report of South Africa (CEDAW/C/ZAF/2-4)

Combined fifth to seventh periodic report of Sri Lanka (CEDAW/C/LKA/5-7)

Lists of issues and questions

Bangladesh (CEDAW/C/BGD/Q/7)

Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/Q/7)

Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/Q/5)

Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/Q/7)

Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/Q/4)

South Africa (CEDAW/C/ZAF/Q/4)

Sri Lanka (CEDAW/C/LKA/Q/7)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Bangladesh (CEDAW/C/BGD/Q/7/Add.1)

Belarus (CEDAW/C/BLR/Q/7/Add.1)

Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/Q/5/Add.1)

Kenya (CEDAW/C/KEN/Q/7/Add.1)

Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/Q/4/Add.1)

South Africa (CEDAW/C/ZAF/Q/4/Add.1)

Sri Lanka (CEDAW/C/LKA/Q/7/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.

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 forty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports by the specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/48/3 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/48/3 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 nineteenth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 7 to 10 February 2011.

During its forty-eighth 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 forty-ninth session of the Committee

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session (CEDAW/C/49/1).

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 17 January 2011		
960th meeting		
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-seventh and forty-eighth 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 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>)
Tuesday, 18 January 2011		
961st meeting		
		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
962nd meeting		
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>)
Wednesday, 19 January 2011		
963rd meeting		
		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
964th meeting		
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>)
Thursday, 20 January 2011		
965th meeting		
		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. 966th meeting	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>)
Friday, 21 January 2011		
967th meeting		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. 968th meeting	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>)
Monday, 24 January 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7, 8	Working Group of the Whole (<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>)
Tuesday, 25 January 2011		
969th meeting		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. 970th meeting	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>)
Wednesday, 26 January 2011		
971st meeting		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. 972nd meeting	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>)
Thursday, 27 January 2011		
973rd meeting		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. 974th meeting	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>)

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Friday, 28 January 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Working Group of the Whole (closed)
975th meeting		
3-6 p.m.	8	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol (closed)
Monday, 31 January 2011		
10 a.m.-1p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
Tuesday, 1 February 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
Wednesday, 2 February 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
Thursday, 3 February 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
Friday, 4 February 2011		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (closed)
3-4 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole (closed)
976th meeting		
4-6 p.m.	9	Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session
	10	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session