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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

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

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 17–22 of the Convention.

At its fiftieth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its fifty-first session.

3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the fiftieth and fifty-first 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/51/1)

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.

The reports of the following States are scheduled to be considered at the fifty-first session of the Committee: Algeria, Brazil, Congo, Grenada, Jordan, Norway and Zimbabwe.

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 fifty-first session, the Committee will have before it the report on the status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention.

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 fifty-first session met in New York from 1 to 5 August 2011. The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/C/PSWG/51) 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 third and fourth periodic reports of Algeria (CEDAW/C/DZA/3-4)

Seventh periodic report of Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/7)

Sixth periodic report of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/6)

Combined initial to fifth periodic reports of Grenada (CEDAW/C/GRD/1-5)

Fifth periodic report of Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/5)

Eighth periodic report of Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/8)

Combined second to fifth periodic reports of Zimbabwe (CEDAW/C/ZWE/2-5)

Lists of issues and questions

Algeria (CEDAW/C/DZA/Q/4)

Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/Q/7)

Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/Q/6)

Grenada (CEDAW/C/GRD/Q/1-5)

Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/Q/5)

Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/Q/8)

Zimbabwe (CEDAW/C/ZWE/Q/2-5 and Corr.1)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Algeria (CEDAW/C/DZA/Q/4/Add.1)

Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/Q/7/Add.1)

Congo (CEDAW/C/COG/Q/6/Add.1)

Grenada (CEDAW/C/GRD/Q/1-5/Add.1)

Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/Q/5/Add.1)

Norway (CEDAW/C/NOR/Q/8/Add.1)

Zimbabwe (CEDAW/C/ZWE/Q/2-5/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 to concluding observations.

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 fifty-first session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports by the specialized agencies on that subject.

Documentation

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.

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 twenty-second session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 7 to 10 February 2012.

During its fifty-first 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 fifty-second session of the Committee

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session (CEDAW/C/52/1).

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 13 February 2012		
1019th 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 fiftieth and fifty-first 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 the 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, 14 February 2012		
1020th 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
1021st 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, 15 February 2012		
1022nd 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
1023rd 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, 16 February 2012		
1024th 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. 1025th 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, 17 February 2012		
1026th 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. 1027th 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, 20 February 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol (<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, 21 February 2012		
1028th 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. 1029th 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, 22 February 2012		
1030th 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. 1031st 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, 23 February 2012		
1032nd 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. 1033rd 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, 24 February 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol (closed)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
Monday, 27 February 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
Tuesday, 28 February 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
Wednesday, 29 February 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
Thursday, 1 March 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
Friday, 2 March 2012		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
3-4 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole (<i>closed</i>)
1034th meeting		
4-4.30 p.m.	9	Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session
	10	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session