



Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Fourteenth meeting

New York, 23 June 2006

Report of the meeting of States parties

1. The fourteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women was called to order on 23 June 2006 by Nana Effah-Apenteng (Ghana), who acted as the temporary Chairperson.
2. The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women made a statement.
3. Following the Director's statement, Andreas D. Mavroyiannis (Cyprus) was elected Chairperson of the meeting. Birute Abraitiene (Lithuania), Sean McDonald (Ireland) and Meshack Kitchen (Zimbabwe) were elected Vice-Chairpersons. The provisional agenda (CEDAW/SP/2006/1) was adopted.
4. In accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, the States parties elected by secret ballot 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, of whom seven were current members proposed for re-election. The seven current members were: Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani (Algeria); Dorcas Ama Frema Coker-Appiah (Ghana); Cornelis Flinterman (Netherlands); Naela Gabr Mohamed Gabre Ali (Egypt); Pramila Patten (Mauritius); Fumiko Saiga (Japan) and Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia). The new members were: Ferdous Ara Begum (Bangladesh); Saisuree Chutikul (Thailand); Ruth Halperin-Kaddari (Israel); Violeta Neubauer (Slovenia) and Hazel Gumede Shelton (South Africa). The list of candidates and their curricula vitae are contained in documents CEDAW/SP/2006/3 and Add.1 and 2. The experts will serve a term of four years, from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010.
5. The meeting had before it document CEDAW/SP/2006/2, containing information on declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal of reservations relating to the Convention, submitted in accordance with article 28 of the Convention.

