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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women¹ and the Optional Protocol thereto,²

Welcoming the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and encouraging the sustained efforts of the Committee to improve the efficiency of its working methods,

Recognizing the increased number of submissions received under article 8 of the Optional Protocol,

Recalling its resolutions [66/254](#) of 23 February 2012, [66/295](#) of 17 September 2012 and [68/2](#) of 20 September 2013 on the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, and recognizing in this regard that a long-term solution to the problem of increased efficiency of the Committee may be found in this context,

Noting the request of the Committee that the General Assembly authorize an extension of the meeting time of its Working Group on Communications, to be renamed the Working Group on the Optional Protocol, by five days from 2014, and an increase in its membership by two members during the requested five additional days, in order to enhance the ability of the Committee to fulfil effectively the functions with which article 8 of the Optional Protocol has entrusted it,³

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 2131, No. 20378.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/68/38)*, part three, annex IV.



Noting also the request of the Committee to enable it to hold one of its annual sessions at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, starting from 2014,⁴

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to improve the efficiency of its working methods, including with a view to harmonizing further the working methods of the treaty bodies, and urges the Committee to continue its activities in this regard;

2. *Decides to authorize* the Working Group on Communications of the Committee, without prejudice to the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the treaty body system, additional meeting time of five days per year, and to increase its membership by two members during the requested five additional days for the Working Group, starting from 2014, to consider submissions relating to the inquiry procedure under article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

3. *Also decides* to authorize the Committee, without prejudice to the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the treaty body system, to hold one of its annual sessions at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, starting from 2014.

⁴ Ibid., annex V.