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### Special Decisions or Action Taken Concerning Reporting

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#### Enhancing the Committee's working methods under article 18 of the Convention Request for long overdue initial reports

408. The Committee reviewed the status of submission of reports by States parties (CEDAW/C/2007/I/2), as well as steps taken at its thirty-seventh session aimed at encouraging States parties to submit long overdue reports. The Committee proceeded in accordance with its decisions 29/I and 31/III (i), and took into consideration its previous experience in inviting two States parties - Cape Verde and Saint Lucia - to submit all their overdue reports as combined reports. It also noted that at its thirty-seventh session, it had requested four States parties that are more than 20 years overdue in submitting their initial report under article 18 of the Convention, i.e., Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti and Liberia, to submit all their overdue reports as combined reports by March 2008, for consideration by the Committee at its forty-third session in 2009. The Committee agreed to request four more States parties with long-overdue reports - i.e., Bahamas, Central African Republic, Grenada and Seychelles - to submit their initial and all other outstanding periodic reports as combined reports by the end of 2008, for consideration by the Committee in early 2010. As a measure of last resort, and failing the receipt of the reports within the suggested time frame, the Committee will proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in the four States parties in the absence of a report. The Committee also decided to send reminder letters to the following States parties: Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti and Tuvalu.

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#### **Request for long-overdue reports**

419. The Committee reviewed the status of submission of reports by States parties (CEDAW/C/2008/II/2), as well as steps aimed at encouraging States parties to submit long-overdue reports. It recalled that it had requested 12 States parties with long-overdue initial reports to submit all these reports as combined reports by a particular date for consideration by the Committee at identified future sessions. It also recalled that the Committee had decided that failing receipt of the reports within the suggested time frame, and as a last resort, it would proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties concerned in the absence of a report (see A/62/38, part three, para. 675). Taking account of these decisions, the Committee decided to invite States parties whose initial reports have been overdue for more than five years to submit their overdue reports as a combined report within two years (Afghanistan, Djibouti and Solomon Islands) and States parties whose periodic reports have been overdue for more than 10 years to submit their overdue reports as a combined report within two years (Bulgaria, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and Zimbabwe). Failing receipt of the reports within the suggested timeframe, and as a last resort, the Committee would proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in those States parties in the absence of a report.

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