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Special Decisions or Action Taken Concerning Reporting

CEDAW, A/62/38 part I (2007)

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Request for long overdue initial reports

653. The Committee reviewed the status of submission of reports by States parties (CEDAW/C/2007/I/2) and agreed to proceed in accordance with its decisions 29/I and 31/III (i). In doing so, the Committee also 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. The Committee consequently decided to send letters to the following 12 States parties that are more than 10 years overdue in submitting their initial report under article 18 of the Convention: the Bahamas, the Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominica, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Lesotho, Liberia, Papua New Guinea and Seychelles. In addition, the Committee decided to request the four States parties that are more than 20 years overdue in submitting their initial report under article 18 of the Convention, that is, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti and Liberia, to submit all their overdue reports as combined reports by March 2008, for consideration at its forty-third (January) session of 2009. 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.

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CEDAW, A/62/38 part II (2007)

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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.