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of All Forms of Discrimination  
against Women**

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**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women**

**Thirty-fourth session**

16 January – 3 February 2006

**Provisional agenda**

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## **Annotations**

### **Item 1**

#### **Opening of the session**

The thirty-fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

### **Item 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 Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its thirty-third session the Committee approved the agenda for its thirty-fourth session.

## **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2006/I/1)

### **Item 3**

#### **Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Committee**

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

### **Item 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 undertake to 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 this 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.

At its thirty-third session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of

reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to this request.

At its thirty-fourth session the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Cambodia (CEDAW//KHM/1-3); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Eritrea ( CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3/Corr); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CEDAW/C/MKD/1-3); the combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Togo (CEDAW/C/TGO/1-5); the combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Mali (CEDAW/C/MLI/2-5); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Australia (CEDAW/C/AUL/4-5); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Thailand (CEDAW/C/THA/4-5) and the combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Venezuela (CEDAW/C/VEN/4-6\*).

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 reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-fourth session.

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. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

At its thirty-fourth session the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2006/I/2).

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 representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the thirty-fourth session met in New York from 25-29 July 2005. The report of the pre-session working group 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**

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Cambodia (CEDAW/KHM/1-3)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Eritrea (CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3/Corr)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CEDAW/C/MKD/1-3)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Togo (CEDAW/C/TGO/1-5)

Combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Mali (CEDAW/C/MLI/2-5)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Australia (CEDAW/C/AUL/4-5)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Thailand (CEDAW/C/THA/4-5)

Combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Venezuela (CEDAW/C/VEN/4-6\*)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2006/I/CRP.1)

**Lists of issues and questions**

Cambodia (CEDAW/C/KHM/Q/1-3)

Eritrea (CEDAW/C/ERI/Q/1-3)

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CEDAW/C/MKD/Q/1-3)

Togo (CEDAW/C/TOG/Q/1-5)

Mali (CEDAW/C/MLI/Q/2-5/)

Australia (CEDAW/C/AUL/Q/4-5)

Thailand (CEDAW/C/THA/Q/4-5); and

Venezuela (CEDAW/C/VEN/Q/4-6)

**Responses to the lists of issues and questions**

Cambodia (CEDAW/C/KHM/Q/1-3/Add.1)

Eritrea (CEDAW/C/ERI/Q/1-3/Add.1)

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CEDAW/C/MKD/Q/1-3/Add.1)

Togo (CEDAW/C/TOG/Q/1-5/Add.1)

Mali (CEDAW/C/MLI/Q/2-5/Add.1)

Australia (CEDAW/C/AUL/Q/4-5/Add.1)

Thailand (CEDAW/C/THA/Q/4-5/Add.1)

Venezuela (CEDAW/C/VEN/Q/4-6/Add.1)

#### **Item 5**

#### **Implementation of article 21 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 together with comments, if any, from States parties.

Tasks forces on a general recommendation on article 2 and on migrant women will brief the Committee on progress achieved.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary meeting, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

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 thirty-fourth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3 and addenda).

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/I/3/Add.4)

**Item 6**

**Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**

Before each session, the Secretariat prepares a pre-session report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2006/I/4).

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2006/I/4).

**Item 7**

**Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in December 2000, the Committee established a Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. At its thirty-second session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol, for a term of two years, until 31 December 2006.

The seventh session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will take place from 11 to 13 January 2006.

At its thirty-fourth session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

**Documentation**

Report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol at its seventh session (CEDAW/C/2006/I/WGCOP/WP.1).

**Item 8**

**Provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session**

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of the session.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session of the Committee.

**Item 9**

**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-fourth session**

**Annex****Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 16 January 2006</b>		
<b>702<sup>nd</sup> meeting</b>		
10:00am-11:30am	<b>Item 1</b>	Opening of the session
	<b>Item 2</b>	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	<b>Item 3</b>	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Committee
	<b>Item 4</b>	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
	<b>Item 5</b>	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	<b>Item 6</b>	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11:00am-1:00pm (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3:00pm-4:00pm		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4:30pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>5, 6 and 7</b>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Tuesday, 17 January 2006</b>		
<b>703<sup>rd</sup> meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	<b>Item 4</b>	Mali, combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MLI/2-5)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>704<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Mali ( <i>continued</i> )
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Wednesday, 18 January 2006</b>		
<b>705<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Togo, combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/TGO/1-5)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>706<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Togo ( <i>continued</i> )
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Thursday, 19 January 2006</b>		
<b>707<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Cambodia, combined initial second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/KHM/1-3)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>708<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	Cambodia ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Friday, 20 January 2006</b>		
<b>709<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Thailand, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/THA/4-5)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>710<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Thailand, (continued)
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Monday, 23 January 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 7</b>	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
3:00pm-4:30pm		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4:30pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Items 5 and 6</b>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Tuesday, 24 January 2006</b>		
<b>711<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Eritrea, combined, initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/ERI/1-3/Corr.I)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>712<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Eritrea <i>(continued)</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Wednesday, 25 January 2006</b>		
<b>713<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, combined initial, second, and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/MKD/1-3)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00 pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>714<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <i>(continued)</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Thursday, 26 January 2006</b>		
<b>715<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Venezuela, combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/VEN/4-6*)
10:00am-10:30am		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>716<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Venezuela <i>(continued)</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b>	Working Group of the Whole

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<i>(continued)</i>		
<b>Friday, 27 January 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm	<b>Item 5</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Discussion on general recommendation on article 2 and on general recommendation on migrant women
3:00pm-6:00pm	<b>5 and 6</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Monday, 30 January 2006</b>		
<b>717<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
10:00am-10:30 am	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Australia, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/AUL/4-5)
10:00am-10:30am	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10:30am-1:00pm		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>718<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Australia <i>(continued)</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Tuesday, 31 January 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
3:00pm-6:00pm	<b>Items 5 and 6</b>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Wednesday, 1 February 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm	<b>Items 5 and 6</b>	Working group of the Whole
3:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Items 4 and 7</b>	Working Group of the Whole

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<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Thursday, 2 February 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
3:00pm-6:00pm (closed)	<b>Items 5 and 6</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>Friday, 3 February 2006</b>		
10:00am-1:00pm (closed)	<b>Item 4</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
<b>719<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>		
3:00pm-4:00pm (closed)	<b>Items 5, 6 and 7</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Adoption of the report of the Working Group as a Whole
4:00pm-6:00pm	<b>Item 8</b>	Provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session
	<b>Item 9</b>	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-fourth session

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