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against Women**

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The present report contains information that is relevant to the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Section II provides information on developments in the United Nations human rights regime, including information concerning the work of the General Assembly, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Human Rights and the proposals by the Secretary-General for the reforms of human rights treaty bodies. Section III presents information on the reports to be considered by the Committee at future sessions. Section IV summarizes the activities of the Secretariat in support of the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol. Other issues are covered in section V.

## **II. Developments in the human rights regime**

### **A. General Assembly**

2. At its sixtieth session in 2005, the General Assembly adopted several resolutions of relevance to the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, including resolutions on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, violence against women migrant workers and an in-depth study on violence against women. Some of the following information was provided orally to the Committee at its thirty-fourth session.

3. In its resolution 60/230 on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the General Assembly noted decision 33/I of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, by which the Committee requested an extension of its meeting time.<sup>1</sup> The Assembly authorized the Committee to hold three annual sessions of three weeks each, with a one-week pre-session working group for each session, effective from January 2006, as a temporary measure. It also continued to authorize two annual sessions of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention. The Assembly also authorized the Committee to meet on an exceptional and temporary basis in 2006 and 2007 for up to seven days in parallel working groups during its third (July/August) annual session in 2006 and its first (January) and third (July/August) annual sessions in 2007, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution, for the purpose of considering reports submitted under article 18 of the Convention.

4. In its resolution 60/139 on violence against women migrant workers, the General Assembly underlined the important role of relevant United Nations treaty bodies in monitoring the implementation of human rights conventions, within their respective mandates, in addressing the problem of violence against women migrant workers. The Assembly encouraged the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to consider developing a general recommendation on the situation of women migrant workers and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-second session in 2007 on the problem of

violence against women migrant workers and on the implementation of the resolution.

5. In its resolution 60/136 on the in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, the General Assembly welcomed the work undertaken to date, and stressed the importance of close collaboration with, inter alia, United Nations treaty bodies, including the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The Assembly extended the deadline for submission of the study to its sixty-first session in 2006.

6. On 15 March 2006, the General Assembly adopted resolution 60/251, in which it established a Human Rights Council as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly. According to the resolution, the Council would, inter alia, be responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner. It should address situations of violations of human rights, including gross and systematic violations, and make recommendations thereon, and promote the effective coordination and the mainstreaming of human rights within the United Nations system.

7. The resolution indicated the Council would consist of 47 Member States, to be elected directly and individually by secret ballot by the majority of the members of the General Assembly. Membership would be based on equitable geographical distribution and be open to all States Members of the United Nations. Members elected to the Council would be expected to uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of human rights and to fully cooperate with the Council and be reviewed under the universal periodic review mechanism during their term of membership. The Council would meet regularly throughout the year and schedule no fewer than three sessions per year, including a main session, for a total duration of no less than 10 weeks, and would be able to hold special sessions, when needed, at the request of a member of the Council with the support of one third of the membership of the Council. In the same resolution, the Assembly recommended that the Economic and Social Council request the Commission on Human Rights to conclude its work at its sixty-second session, and that it abolish the Commission effective 16 June 2006. In accordance with the resolution, elections of the first members of the Council were scheduled for 9 May 2006, with the first meeting of the Council to be convened on 19 June 2006.

## **B. Commission on the Status of Women**

8. The fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held from 27 February to 10 March 2006 and on 16 March 2006, and adopted a total of six resolutions. In its resolution 50/3, on the advisability of the appointment of a special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women, the Commission invited the Secretary-General to bring his report (E/CN.6/2006/8) to the attention of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and other relevant treaty bodies, with a view to eliciting their views on ways and means that could best complement the work of the existing mechanisms and enhance the Commission's capacity with respect to discriminatory laws. The Commission agreed to consider the question further at its fifty-first session. **The Committee is invited to provide,**

**at its thirty-fifth session, its views in accordance with the request of the Commission.**

9. Its resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>2</sup> for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, referred to both the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

10. The Commission adopted agreed conclusions on two themes: “Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work”; and “Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels”. In both agreed conclusions, the Commission called upon States parties to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol thereto and to take into consideration the concluding comments as well as the general recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

11. In the agreed conclusions on “Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work”, the Commission called upon other States parties to the Convention that had not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol thereto.

12. In the agreed conclusions on “Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels”, the Commission urged States parties to limit the extent of any reservations that they lodge to the Convention, to formulate any such reservations as precisely and as narrowly as possible, to ensure that no reservations are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, to review their reservations regularly with a view to withdrawing them and to withdraw reservations that are contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention. Moreover, the Commission called on Member States to consider ratifying and implementing relevant instruments relating to the full political, economic, social and cultural rights for women and girls, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and encouraged the public dissemination of national periodic reports to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

### **C. Commission on Human Rights**

13. As negotiations on the establishment of the Human Rights Council were under way in the General Assembly, the sixty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights was limited to the adoption of a procedural resolution on the closure of its work. In that resolution, the Commission recalled General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 (see paras. 6 and 7 above) in which the Assembly decided on the creation of the Human Rights Council, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/2 of 22 March 2006, and accordingly referred all reports to the Human Rights Council for further consideration at its first session in June 2006. The Commission also expressed its appreciation to all those who had

contributed to the promotion and protection of human rights during its 60 years of existence, then concluded its work in accordance with the above-mentioned General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions.

**D. Follow-up to the fourth Inter-Committee Meeting and seventeenth meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies and preparations for upcoming meetings**

14. At its thirty-fourth session, the Committee considered several of the points of agreement and recommendations emanating from those meetings, in preparation for participation at the upcoming meetings, scheduled to take place from 19 to 23 June 2006 in Geneva. **The Committee is invited to take up pending issues, as outlined below, at its thirty-fifth session.**

15. In follow-up to the points of agreement of the fourth Inter-Committee Meeting and the seventeenth meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies held in June 2005,<sup>3</sup> including in regard to proposals on harmonized guidelines on reporting under the international human rights treaties and guidelines for an expanded common core document and treaty-specific targeted reports,<sup>4</sup> the Committee designated Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling to participate in an Inter-Committee technical working group of seven members, one from each treaty body. The working group, which was given the task of finalizing the draft harmonized guidelines for consideration and eventual adoption by each of the committees, met in December 2005. Ms. Schöpp-Schilling was elected chairperson of the group.

16. During the thirty-fourth session of the Committee, Ms. Schöpp-Schilling briefed it on the results of the meeting of the technical working group, indicating the progress made by the group and highlighting pending issues. The group met again in February 2006. In accordance with a decision taken at its thirty-fourth session, the issue was to be discussed at the Committee's informal meeting in Berlin, from 2 to 4 May 2006 (see also para. 23 below).

17. Participants in the fourth Inter-Committee also recommended that the question of standardization of terminology (see HRI/MC/2005/2 and Corr.1, annex) be considered by each committee during the course of the year and that the Secretariat prepare a paper, based on the comments received, containing revised proposals for consideration at the fifth Inter-Committee Meeting. **The Committee is invited to consider the question with a view to submitting proposals to the fifth Inter-Committee Meeting.**

18. Participants in the fourth Inter-Committee Meeting recalled the recommendation of the sixteenth meeting of chairpersons regarding the modalities of non-governmental organization participation in the treaty bodies and recommended that that issue be placed on the agenda of the fifth Inter-Committee Meeting.

19. Participants in the fourth Inter-Committee Meeting also recommended that the fifth meeting consider developing harmonized criteria for the participation of national human rights institutions in treaty body sessions in order to enhance the quality of information provided to the treaty bodies. The Committee had discussed the issue at its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions.

20. Participants at the fourth Inter-Committee Meeting recommended that a working group, composed of a member of each committee, be convened in early 2006 to consider an updated version of the report on reservations prepared by the Secretariat (HRI/MC/2005/5) and to report to the next inter-committee meeting. The Committee designated Cees Flinterman to participate in the group, with Ms. Patten as a backup. The meeting was scheduled for 8 and 9 June 2006 in Geneva.

#### **E. Reform proposals concerning human rights treaty bodies**

21. During the thirty-fourth session of the Commission in January 2006, the High Commissioner for Human Rights met with the Committee in order to discuss the human rights treaty body reform proposals contained in the High Commissioner's Plan of Action (A/59/2005/Add.3). Based on that exchange of views, the Committee wrote to the High Commissioner and to the Secretary-General, and also included a decision in its report, expressing its view that no decision should be taken at that time on the question of a possible transfer of the Committee and its secretariat. Instead, the Committee strongly recommended further reflection once the details of the reform proposals were available and that its own inputs be taken into consideration in the decision-making process.

22. In March 2006, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) issued a concept paper on a unified standing treaty body,<sup>5</sup> to be considered during the fifth Inter-Committee Meeting (19-21 June 2006), the eighteenth meeting of chairpersons (22-23 June 2006) and in an intergovernmental meeting to be held later in 2006. The Committee was expected to hold a discussion on the concept paper during its fifth informal meeting in Berlin from 2 to 4 May 2006.

#### **F. Fifth informal meeting of the Committee**

23. At the invitation of the Government of Germany, the Committee is to hold an informal meeting in Berlin to mark the Committee's twenty-fifth anniversary. At its thirty-fourth session, the Committee agreed that the informal meeting would provide an opportunity to consider the question of its working methods, especially its consideration of periodic reports of States parties in parallel working groups for its thirty-sixth and future sessions. The Committee also agreed to cover aspects in conjunction with the reform of the human rights treaty bodies and to discuss a number of draft general recommendations. The Secretariat prepared a background paper to support the Committee in its deliberations. **The Committee will be invited to take action on the agreements reached at the informal meeting.**

### **III. Reports to be considered by the Committee at future sessions**

24. All States parties selected by the Committee for presentation of reports at the thirty-fifth session to be held from 15 May to 2 June 2006 will be able to do so.

25. The Committee proposed to consider the reports of the following States parties at its thirty-sixth session from 7 to 25 August 2006: the combined initial, second,

third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports of Cape Verde,<sup>6</sup> the combined second and third periodic report of Georgia,<sup>7</sup> the combined second and third periodic report of the Republic of Moldova,<sup>8</sup> the combined second and third periodic report of Uzbekistan,<sup>9</sup> the third periodic report of the Czech Republic,<sup>10</sup> the combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Mauritius,<sup>11</sup> the combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Ghana,<sup>12</sup> the fourth periodic report of Chile,<sup>13</sup> the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,<sup>14</sup> the fifth periodic report of Jamaica,<sup>15</sup> the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of China,<sup>16</sup> the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Cuba,<sup>17</sup> the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of the Philippines,<sup>18</sup> the sixth periodic report of Denmark<sup>19</sup> and the sixth periodic report of Mexico.<sup>20</sup>

26. The Committee also invited 15 States for presentation of reports at the thirty-seventh (January 2007) and thirty-eighth (May 2007) sessions. Its pre-session working group scheduled to meet from 31 July to 4 August 2006 will prepare the lists of issues and questions for those States.

27. The Committee's attention is drawn to annex II of the present report, which provides an overview of available reports and dates of previous consideration, as applicable.

28. One State party, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, indicated that the submission of its second periodic report by March 2006, as requested by the Committee in its concluding comments adopted at its thirty-third session in July 2005, would not be possible due to the limited time for preparation. It indicated that the combined second and third periodic reports would be submitted in 2010.

#### **IV. Secretariat activities in support of the implementation of the Convention**

29. The Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women continued their efforts to encourage universal ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, acceptance of the Optional Protocol to the Convention and amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention. Those aspects are regularly addressed by the Special Adviser, the Director and staff of the Division in meetings with and briefings for representatives of Member States, entities of the United Nations system and civil society organizations in training workshops and other outreach activities. Cooperation and collaboration has remained an important element in the joint work plan of the Division and OHCHR.<sup>21</sup>

30. In December 2005, the Division, in collaboration with OHCHR, held a subregional workshop on the follow-up to the concluding comments and observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination against Women in Cairo. The workshop, hosted by the National Council for Women, aimed to build the capacity of Government representatives and of representatives of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations to follow up on and implement the concluding comments and observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the

Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The workshop was attended by over 50 participants from six countries of the North African region (Algeria, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia), and included Government officials, members of the judiciary, representatives of national human rights institutions, national non-governmental organizations, the League of Arab States and United Nations agencies. Three experts of the Committee served as facilitators at the workshop.

31. In March 2006, a staff member of the Division attended a workshop in Sofia, convened by non-governmental organizations, to train lawyers from Central and Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) on the use of the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women for promoting and protecting the human rights of women.

32. The Division, with the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights at the University of Utrecht, continued preparation of a manual on implementation of the Convention and its Optional Protocol. The manual is an advocacy tool to build the capacity of States parties to enhance effective implementation of the Convention and to prepare both initial and periodic reports. The chapters of the manual are now in the final stages of preparation.

33. Based on contributions received from the Governments of Ireland and Norway, the Division will continue and expand its activities to support countries emerging from conflict in their efforts to implement the Convention. For the period 2006-2008, the Division plans to focus its support on Afghanistan, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste. The Division's programme of technical cooperation in countries emerging from conflict will take the form of continuous and sustained support in multiple phases, which will include high-level consultations, the development of comprehensive recommendations for priority action and the delivery of training for more effective implementation of the Convention.

## V. Other issues

### **In-depth study on all forms of violence against women**

34. The Division continued preparation of the in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/185, and which will be submitted to its sixty-first session. The Division organized a multi-stakeholder dialogue on violence against women in conjunction with the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The dialogue focused on collaboration between Governments and civil society in addressing domestic violence and trafficking in women and girls. Two experts of the Committee participated as discussants in the dialogue.

35. Panel discussions, other events on violence against women and the study are to be implemented by the Division during the second quarter of 2006, including side events in conjunction with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

*Notes*

- <sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/60/38)*, part 2, chap. I.
- <sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 7 (E/2006/27)*, chap. I.B, draft resolution III.
- <sup>3</sup> See A/60/278.
- <sup>4</sup> See HRI/MC/2005/3.
- <sup>5</sup> See HRI/MC/2006/2.
- <sup>6</sup> CEDAW/C/CPV/1-6.
- <sup>7</sup> CEDAW/C/GEO/2-3.
- <sup>8</sup> CEDAW/C/MDA/2-3.
- <sup>9</sup> CEDAW/C/UZB/2-3.
- <sup>10</sup> CEDAW/C/CZE/3.
- <sup>11</sup> CEDAW/C/MAR/3-5.
- <sup>12</sup> CEDAW/C/GHA/3-5.
- <sup>13</sup> CEDAW/C/CHI/4.
- <sup>14</sup> CEDAW/C/COD/4-5.
- <sup>15</sup> CEDAW/C/JAM/5.
- <sup>16</sup> CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6, CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6/Add.1 and CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6/Add.2.
- <sup>17</sup> CEDAW/C/CUB/5-6.
- <sup>18</sup> CEDAW/C/PHI/5-6.
- <sup>19</sup> CEDAW/C/DNK/6.
- <sup>20</sup> CEDAW/C/MEX/6.
- <sup>21</sup> See E/CN.4/2006/59-E/CN.6/2006/9.

## **Annex I**

### **States that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention**

#### **Africa**

Somalia

Sudan

#### **Asia and the Pacific**

Brunei Darussalam

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Nauru

Palau

Qatar

Tonga

#### **Western Europe and other**

Holy See

United States of America

## Annex II

### States parties whose reports have been submitted but not yet considered by the Committee as at 18 April 2006\*

#### Initial reports

| <i>State party (report)</i>             | <i>Date due</i>  | <i>Date received</i> |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Cape Verde (1-6) <sup>a,d</sup>         | 3 September 1982 | 29 June 2005         |
| Mauritania (1) <sup>c,d</sup>           | 9 June 2002      | 11 May 2005          |
| Mozambique (1-2) <sup>c,d</sup>         | 21 May 1998      | 5 May 2005           |
| Niger (1-2) <sup>c,d</sup>              | 7 November 2000  | 19 July 2005         |
| Pakistan (1-3) <sup>c,d</sup>           | 11 April 1997    | 28 July 2005         |
| Syrian Arab Republic (1) <sup>c,d</sup> | 27 April 2004    | 25 August 2005       |
| Tajikistan (1-3) <sup>b,d</sup>         | 25 October 1994  | 5 May 2005           |
| Vanuatu (1-3) <sup>c</sup>              | 8 October 1996   | 2 March 2005         |

#### Periodic reports

| <i>State party (report)</i>       | <i>Date due</i>  | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Previously considered</i> | <i>Previous report(s)</i> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Austria (6) <sup>b,d</sup>        | 30 April 2003    | 11 October 2004      | 2000, 23rd session           | 3-4, 5                    |
| Azerbaijan (2-3) <sup>b,d</sup>   | 9 August 2000    | 7 January 2005       | 1998, 18th session           | Initial                   |
| Belize (3-4) <sup>d</sup>         | 15 June 1999     | 5 August 2005        | 1999, 21st session           | 1-2                       |
| Bolivia (2-4)                     | 8 July 1999      | 16 December 2005     | 1995, 14th session           | 1                         |
| Brazil (6) <sup>d</sup>           | 2 March 2005     | 18 August 2005       | 2003, 29th session           | 1-5                       |
| Chile (4) <sup>a,d</sup>          | 6 January 2003   | 17 May 2004          | 1999, 21st session           | 3                         |
| China (5-6) <sup>a,d</sup>        | 3 September 1998 | 4 February 2004      | 1999, 20th session           | 3-4 and Add.1 and Add.2   |
| Colombia (5-6) <sup>b,d</sup>     | 18 February 1999 | 6 March 2005         | 1999, 20th session           | 4                         |
| Cuba (5-6) <sup>a</sup>           | 3 September 1998 | 18 January 2005      | 2000, 23rd session           | 4                         |
| Czech Republic (3) <sup>a,d</sup> | 24 March 2001    | 31 August 2004       | 2002, EXC session            | 2                         |

\* The list does not include States parties whose reports are to be considered by the Committee at its thirty-fifth session.

| <i>State party (report)</i>                           | <i>Date due</i>   | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Previously considered</i> | <i>Previous report(s)</i>          |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Democratic Republic of the Congo (4-5) <sup>a,d</sup> | 16 November 1999  | 11 August 2004       | 2000, 22nd session           | 1; 2 and Add.1; 3                  |
| Denmark (6) <sup>a,d</sup>                            | 21 May 2004       | 28 July 2004         | 2002, 27th session           | 4; 5 and Add.1                     |
| Estonia (4) <sup>d</sup>                              | 20 November 2004  | 5 October 2005       | 2002, 26th session           | 1-3                                |
| Finland (5) <sup>d</sup>                              | 4 October 2003    | 23 February 2004     | 2001, 24th session           | 3, 4                               |
| France (6)  | 13 January 2005   | 17 March 2006        | 2003, 29th session           | 3-4                                |
| Georgia (2-3) <sup>a,d</sup>                          | 25 November 1999  | 16 April 2004        | 1999, 21st session           | Initial and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 |
| Ghana (3-5) <sup>a,d</sup>                            | 1 February 1995   | 23 February 2005     | 1992, 11th session           | 1-2                                |
| Greece (6) <sup>b,d</sup>                             | 7 July 2004       | 2 June 2005          | 2002, EXC session            | 4-5                                |
| Guinea (4-6) <sup>d</sup>                             | 8 September 1995  | 26 July 2005         | 2001, 25th session           | 1-3                                |
| Honduras (4-6)  | 2 April 1996      | 31 January 2006      | 1992, 11th session           | 3                                  |
| Iceland (5) <sup>d</sup>                              | 18 July 2002      | 14 November 2003     | 2002, 26th session           | 3-4                                |
| India (2-3) <sup>b,d</sup>                            | 8 August 1998     | 18 October 2005      | 2000, 22nd session           | Initial                            |
| Indonesia (4-5) <sup>d</sup>                          | 13 October 1997   | 20 June 2005         | 1998, 18th session           | 2-3                                |
| Israel (4) <sup>d</sup>                               | 2 November 2004   | 1 June 2005          | 2005, 33rd session           | 3                                  |
| Jamaica (5) <sup>a,d</sup>                            | 18 November 2001  | 13 February 2004     | 2001, 24th session           | 2-4                                |
| Jordan (3-4)  | 31 July 2001      | 12 December 2005     | 2000, 22nd session           | 2                                  |
| Kazakhstan (2) <sup>b,d</sup>                         | 25 September 2003 | 3 March 2005         | 2001, 24th session           | Initial                            |
| Kenya (5-6)   | 8 April 2001      | 14 March 2006        | 2003, 28th session           | 3-4                                |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2) <sup>d</sup>               | 15 June 1994      | 14 December 1998     | 1994, 13th session           | Initial and Add.1                  |
| Liechtenstein (2) <sup>d</sup>                        | 21 January 2001   | 6 February 2001      | 1999, 20th session           | Initial                            |
| Lithuania (3) <sup>d</sup>                            | 17 February 2003  | 16 May 2005          | 2000, 23rd session           | Initial, 2                         |
| Luxembourg (5)  | 4 March 2006      | 23 February 2006     | 2003, 28th session           | 4                                  |
| Maldives (2-3) <sup>b,d</sup>                         | 31 July 1998      | 25 May 2005          | 2001, 24th session           | Initial                            |
| Mauritius (3-5) <sup>a,d</sup>                        | 8 August 1993     | 17 November 2004     | 1995, 14th session           | 1-2                                |
| Mexico (6) <sup>a</sup>                               | 3 September 2002  | 20 January 2006      | 2002, EXE session            | 5                                  |
| Namibia (2-3) <sup>b,d</sup>                          | 23 December 1997  | 24 March 2005        | 1997, 17th session           | Initial                            |

| <i>State party (report)</i>   | <i>Date due</i>  | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Previously considered</i> | <i>Previous report(s)</i>  |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Netherlands<br>(4 and Add.1) <sup>b,d</sup>   | 22 August 2004   | 24 January 2005      | 2001, 25th session           | 2 and Add.1<br>and Add.2;<br>3 and Add.1<br>and Add.2                  |
| Nicaragua (6) <sup>b,d</sup>  | 26 November 2002 | 15 June 2005         | 2001, 25th session           | 4, 5   |
| Peru (6) <sup>b,d</sup>   | 13 October 2003  | 3 February 2004      | 2002, EXC session            | 5  |
| Philippines (5-6) <sup>a,d</sup>  | 4 September 1998 | 27 July 2004         | 1997, 16th session           | 3, 4   |
| Poland (4-5 and 6) <sup>b,d</sup>   | 3 September 1994 | 29 November 2004     | 1991, 10th session           | 2, 3   |
| Republic of Korea<br>(5) <sup>d</sup>   | 26 January 2002  | 23 July 2003         | 1998, 19th session           | 3, 4   |
| Republic of Moldova<br>(2-3) <sup>a,d</sup>   | 31 July 1999     | 1 October 2004       | 2000, 23rd session           | Initial  |
| Singapore (3) <sup>b,d</sup>  | 4 November 2004  | 1 November 2004      | 2001, 25th session           | Initial, 2   |
| Suriname (3) <sup>b,d</sup>   | 31 March 2002    | 26 April 2005        | 2002, 27th session           | 1-2  |
| United Kingdom of<br>Great Britain and<br>Northern Ireland<br>(5 and Add.1 and<br>Add.2) <sup>d</sup> | 7 May 2003       | 7 August 2003        | 1999, 21st session           | 3 and Add.1<br>and Add.2;<br>4 and Add.1,<br>Add.2, Add.3<br>and Add.4 |
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| Viet Nam (5-6) <sup>d</sup>   | 19 March 1999    | 15 June 2005         | 2001, 25th session           | 2, 3-4   |

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