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of All Forms of Discrimination  
against Women**

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

**Fortieth session**

14 January to 1 February 2008

**Provisional agenda**

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9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fortieth session.

**Annotations**

**Item 1**

**Opening of the session**

The fortieth 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-ninth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its fortieth session.

### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2008/I/1)

### **Item 3**

#### **Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions of the Committee**

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events 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 that 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-eighth session the Committee decided to invite seven States parties to present their periodic reports and one State party to present its initial report. All eight States parties agreed to that request.

At its fortieth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial and second periodic report of Saudi Arabia (CEDAW/C/SAU/2); the combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Bolivia (CEDAW/C/BOL/2-4); the combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Burundi (CEDAW/C/BDI/4); the sixth periodic report of France (CEDAW/C/FRA/6); the third periodic report of Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/3); the fifth periodic report of Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/5); the combined third and fourth periodic report of Morocco (CEDAW/C/MAR/4); and the combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Sweden (CEDAW/C/SWE/7).

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 that State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the report. 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 fortieth 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, as well as a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

At its fortieth 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/2008/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 States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the fortieth session met from 16 to 20 July 2007. 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 and second periodic report of Saudi Arabia (CEDAW/C/SAU/2)

Combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Bolivia (CEDAW/C/BOL/2-4)

Combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Burundi (CEDAW/C/BDI/4)

Sixth periodic report of France (CEDAW/C/FRA/6)

Third periodic report of Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/3)

Fifth periodic report of Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/5)

Combined third and fourth periodic report of Morocco (CEDAW/C/MAR/4)

Combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Sweden (CEDAW/C/SWE/7)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2008/I/CRP.1)

### *Lists of issues and questions*

Saudi Arabia (CEDAW/C/SAU/Q/2)

Bolivia (CEDAW/C/BOL/Q/4)

Burundi (CEDAW/C/BDI/Q/4)

France (CEDAW/C/FRA/Q/6)

Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/Q/3)

Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/Q/5)

Morocco (CEDAW/C/MAR/Q/4)

Sweden (CEDAW/C/SWE/Q/7)

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

Saudi Arabia (CEDAW/C/SAU/Q/2/Add.1)

Bolivia (CEDAW/C/BOL/Q/4/Add.1)

Burundi (CEDAW/C/BDI/Q/4/Add.1)

France (CEDAW/C/FRA/Q/6/Add.1)

Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/Q/3/Add.1)

Luxembourg (CEDAW/C/LUX/Q/5/Add.1)

Morocco (CEDAW/C/MAR/Q/4/Add.1)

Sweden (CEDAW/C/SWE/Q/7/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.

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

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 fortieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2008/I/3 and Add.1-4).

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General on reports provided by the specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2008/I/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2008/I/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2008/I/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2008/I/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2008/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/2008/I/4).

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2008/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 the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group for a two-year term until 31 December 2008.

The eleventh session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 9 to 11 January 2008.

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

**Item 8****Provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Committee**

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 each session.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Committee

**Item 9****Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fortieth session**

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

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 14 January 2008</b>		
<b>810th meeting</b>		
10-11 a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions of the Committee
	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: report of the pre-session working group
	Item 5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	Item 6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal meeting with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies ( <i>closed</i> )
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
5-6 p.m.	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 15 January 2008</b>		
<b>811th meeting</b>		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	Item 4	Bolivia, combined second, third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BOL/2-4)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>812th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Bolivia ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 16 January 2008</b>		
<b>813th meeting</b>		
	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Burundi, combined second, third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BDI/4)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>814th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Burundi ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 17 January 2008</b>		
<b>815th meeting</b>		
	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Saudi Arabia, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/SAU/2)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>816th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Saudi Arabia ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 18 January 2008</b>		
<b>817th meeting</b>		
	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	France, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/FRA/6)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>818th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	France ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Monday, 21 January 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol ( <i>closed</i> )
3-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
5-6 p.m.	Items 5, 6 and 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 22 January 2008</b>		
<b>819th meeting</b>		
	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Lebanon, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/LBN/3)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>820th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Lebanon ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 23 January 2008</b>		
<b>821st meeting</b>		
	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Luxembourg, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/LUX/5)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>822nd meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Luxembourg ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Thursday, 24 January 2008</b>		
<b>823rd meeting</b>		
	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Morocco, combined third and fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MAR/4)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>824th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Morocco <i>(continued)</i>
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Friday, 25 January 2008</b>		
<b>825th meeting</b>		
	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Sweden, combined sixth and seventh periodic report (CEDAW/C/SWE/7)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>826th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Sweden <i>(continued)</i>
5-6 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Monday, 28 January 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 4, 5 and 6 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	Item 7 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
<b>Tuesday, 29 January 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>
3-6 p.m.	Items 4, 5 and 6 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole <i>(closed)</i>

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<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Wednesday, 30 January 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 4, 5 and 6 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	Item 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 31 January 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	Items 4, 5 and 6 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 1 February 2008</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6 and 7	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>827th meeting</b>		
4-6 p.m.	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the forty-first session
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fortieth session

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