

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

**Forty-ninth session**  
11-29 July 2011

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### **Annotations**

#### **1. Opening of the session**

The forty-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chair of the Committee.

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

At its forty-eighth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its forty-ninth session.

#### **3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Committee**

Under item 3, the Chair will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the work of the Committee.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/49/1)

#### **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 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 forty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/5-6); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Djibouti (CEDAW/C/DJI/1-3); the combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/6-7); the sixth periodic report of Italy (CEDAW/C/ITA/6); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/4-5); the seventh periodic report of the Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/7); the fourth periodic report of Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/4); and the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZMB/5-6).

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 report.

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 forty-ninth 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/48/2).

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 forty-ninth session met in Geneva from 25 to 29 October 2010. The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2010/49) 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**

##### *Reports*

Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/5-6)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Djibouti (CEDAW/C/DJI/1-3)

Combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/6-7)  
 Sixth periodic report of Italy (CEDAW/C/ITA/6)  
 Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/4-5)  
 Seventh periodic report of the Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/7)  
 Fourth periodic report of Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/4)  
 Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZMB/5-6)

*Lists of issues and questions*

Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/Q/5-6)  
 Djibouti (CEDAW/C/DJI/Q/1-3)  
 Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/2/6-7)  
 Italy (CEDAW/C/ITA/Q/6)  
 Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/Q/4-5)  
 Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/Q/7)  
 Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/Q/4)  
 Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZMB/Q/5-6)

*Responses to the lists of issues and questions*

Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/Q/5-6/Add.1)  
 Djibouti (CEDAW/C/DJI/Q/1-3/Add.1)  
 Ethiopia (CEDAW/C/ETH/Q/6-7/Add.1)  
 Italy (CEDAW/C/ITA/Q/6/Add.1)  
 Nepal (CEDAW/C/NPL/Q/4-5/Add.1)  
 Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/KOR/Q/7/Add.1)  
 Singapore (CEDAW/C/SGP/Q/4/Add.1)  
 Zambia (CEDAW/C/ZMB/Q/5-6/Add.1)

**5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee decided to add “Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women” as an item on the agenda.

The Committee will discuss matters relating to follow-up.

**6. Implementation of articles 21 and 22 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 to the General Assembly, together with comments, if any, from States parties.

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 forty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports by the specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/49/3 and addenda).

#### **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/49/3 and addenda)

#### **7. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**

The Committee will discuss matters relating to its methods of work.

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

The twentieth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol was held from 6 to 8 July 2011.

During its forty-ninth session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

#### **9. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Committee**

##### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session (CEDAW/C/50/1)

#### **10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-ninth session**

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
<b>Monday, 11 July 2011</b>		
<b>977th meeting</b>		
10-11.30 a.m.	1	Opening of the session
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Committee
	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
	5	Follow-up to consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	6	Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	7	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal meeting with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-5.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5.30-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 12 July 2011</b>		
<b>978th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>979th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )

5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 13 July 2011</b>		
<b>980th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>981st meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 14 July 2011</b>		
<b>982nd meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>983rd meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 15 July 2011</b>		
<b>984th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>985th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Monday, 18 July 2011</b>		
<b>986th meeting</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Consultation on the draft general recommendation on women in situations of armed conflict and post-conflict

3-4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 19 July 2011</b>		
<b>987th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>988th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 20 July 2011</b>		
<b>989th meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>990th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 21 July 2011</b>		
<b>991st meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>992nd meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 22 July 2011</b>		

<b>993rd meeting</b>		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
10-10.30 a.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
<b>994th meeting</b>		
3-5 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee ( <i>continued</i> )
5-6 p.m.	4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Monday, 25 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>995th meeting</b>		
3-6 p.m.	8	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 26 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 27 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Thursday, 28 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
<b>Friday, 29 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )
3-4 p.m.	5, 6, 7 and 8 ( <i>continued</i> )	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole ( <i>closed</i> )

<b>996th meeting</b>		
4-6 p.m.	9	Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session
	10	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-ninth session