



Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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List of issues and questions in the absence of initial and periodic reports

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The pre-session working group decided, in accordance with the decision of the Committee at its thirty-eighth session (14 May-1 June 2007), and in the absence of the State party's initial report due in 1991, as well as its periodic reports, to proceed with the preparation of the present list of issues and questions.

General

1. Please explain why no initial and subsequent reports were submitted to the Committee, as required by article 18 of the Convention. Please describe any efforts undertaken to date in order to prepare the reports. Has the State party considered requesting the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Division for the Advancement of Women and other bodies of the United Nations system in order to achieve the preparation and submission of the CEDAW report as soon as possible?
2. Please submit general and factual information about the country, in accordance with the harmonized reporting guidelines under the international human rights treaties, including the Convention (HRI/GEN/2/Rev. 6).

Data collection

3. Please provide information on the status of data collection and analysis in the country in general and on the extent to which such data collection takes place on a sex-disaggregated basis. Please indicate how the Government intends to improve the collection of data disaggregated by sex, age and rural/urban areas pertaining to the areas of the Convention so as to support policymaking and programme development and to measure progress towards the implementation of the Convention.

Legal status of the Convention and incorporation of its provisions in domestic law and policies

4. Please indicate whether there are any laws or policy statements that define discrimination against women. If so, please explain whether the definition is sufficiently broad so as to include any act which causes, or results in, a difference in the treatment of women in comparison to men. Please also indicate if this definition includes acts committed by public and private actors and encompasses direct and indirect discrimination.

5. Please provide information on the status of the Convention in the domestic legal order. Please indicate whether the Convention is directly applicable and whether there are instances of cases where the Convention has been cited in the courts. Has the Convention been disseminated and given visibility so as to make women aware of their rights?

6. Please explain whether there are any sanctions imposed for acts of discrimination against women in all sectors of the society, in particular in respect of access to education, employment and health services. Please provide information on their nature and actual application. Also provide information on remedies available to women whose rights have been violated.

7. Please provide information on legislation or other programmes that address the modification of customs and practices resulting in discrimination against women or perpetuate such discrimination.

National machinery for the advancement of women

8. Please explain the status and functions of the Division of Gender and Family Affairs of the Ministry of Social Development, its current level of funding and staffing. Please provide information on any special machinery or other institutions, such as a commission or ombudsperson, established to promote and protect human rights, including the rights of women and/or to oversee the Convention's implementation. Please explain the measures the Government is taking or intends to take to provide the national machinery for the advancement of women with adequate decision-making capacity and financial and human resources. Please provide information on the status and functions of the Public Education Committee and indicate what has been its role in the dissemination of the Convention.

Programmes and action plans

9. Please provide information on progress made towards the development of a National Gender Policy. Please indicate whether a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper as well as a National Strategic Development Plan, have been elaborated and explain the extent to which they include a gender perspective and reflect the provisions of the Convention.

Temporary special measures

10. Please explain which temporary special measures, if any, have been adopted, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1 of the Convention and general recommendation No. 25 of the Committee, whether in the form of affirmative action, or otherwise to achieve equality between women and men at all levels and in all public sector institutions. Please include information on the inequalities that

these measures sought to redress and whether the measures are enforced and monitored.

Stereotypes and cultural practices

11. Please provide information on which cultural and traditional practices, including child rearing practices or ways of life hamper women's advancement in society, in particular please specify their impact on the situation of women in households, education and in employment. Please provide information on measures, if any, which have been taken to change social and cultural patterns that lead to stereotyping or reinforcing the idea of the inferiority of women in these arenas.

Violence against women

12. Please provide information on the Domestic Violence Act 2001 and on its compliance with the provisions of the Convention. Please also provide information on the Domestic Violence Summary Procedure Rules and on any other law or measure that has been taken to combat violence against women. Please indicate whether there exists a sex-disaggregated database on incidences of violence against women. Is there a sex-disaggregated database on incidences of corporal punishment and its impact on women and girls, including in the family, schools, place of detention and other institutions. Does the State party consider reviewing its legislation on corporal punishment and prohibiting it?

13. Please indicate what remedies are available for women victims of violence, including domestic violence, namely access to justice and rehabilitation services. Please provide updated information on the actual places, including shelters, where women and girls can go when faced with violence within the family and the wider community and specify whether there are special law enforcement units to deal with violence against women. In this connection please provide information on the Domestic Violence and the Special Victims Unit.

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

14. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to adopt legislation and policy to combat and prevent trafficking in women and girls, including economic and sexual exploitation by agencies which are engaged in trafficking. Please also provide information on the Child Abuse Protocol and explain the extent to which it addresses the exploitation of girls.

15. Please indicate whether any laws, measures or policies on violence against women apply to women in prostitution.

Participation in decision-making and representation at the international level

16. Please provide information on the percentage of the members of political parties who are women and the percentage of public offices, including in academia and senior levels of public administration, held by women. Please provide information on which concrete measures are envisaged to ensure women's full and equal participation and representation at all levels of Government, the legislative branch and the judiciary, as well as at the international level, taking into account the Committee's general recommendation No. 25, on article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and general recommendation No. 23, on women in public life. Please

provide information on the percentage of women who have participated in the 2008 elections.

Nationality

17. Please provide information on whether women have equal rights with men to acquire, change, retain or transmit their nationality to their children regardless of their marital status. Please provide information on what social, cultural or economic factors affect a woman's exercise of these rights.

Education

18. Please provide updated information on the enrolment ratios at the primary, secondary and tertiary level and fields of study in which females predominate at the secondary and tertiary levels. Please indicate the dropout rates for women at all levels of education, as well as the major causes of girls and women discontinuing their education. Please also provide data and information on the education levels and access to education of women and girls from rural areas, and those with disabilities.

19. Please provide information on the situation of violence and sexual harassment of girls in schools and measures in place to address these issues.

20. Please provide information on the Education Act 2002 and on its compliance with the provisions of the Convention. Please also provide updated information on the Program for Adolescent Mothers and on its effective implementation. Please specify if any other measures or laws have been taken by the Government to provide education opportunities for pregnant girls and teenage mothers in order for them to complete their education or to return to school after giving birth.

Employment

21. Please provide updated statistical information disaggregated by sex on women's labour force participation, including any differentials in wages and benefits in comparison with men. Please explain whether there are any distinctions in recruitment and employment practices between women and men, and whether provisions exist to eliminate discrimination, sexual harassment and violence against women in the workplace.

22. Please provide information and data on the percentage of women working in the informal sector and in unpaid work in the home and indicate measures taken by the State party to support them. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to address the economic and social situation of single women heads of households.

Health

23. Please provide information on what health facilities and personnel are available for women to deal with their specific health needs throughout their life cycle, including older women and women with disabilities.

24. Please provide detailed and updated information on women's access to affordable health care services, particularly reproductive and sexual health services

and educational programmes, including their content and availability for particular groups, such as adolescent girls and rural women.

25. Please explain what measures have been undertaken by the State party to reduce the high rate of adolescent girls' pregnancies. Please provide information on what measures have been taken to strengthen mental health and counselling services to ensure that they are accessible to all girls, including teenage mothers and those with disabilities.

26. Please explain what measures and programmes have been introduced in the country to increase public awareness of the risk and effects of sexually transmitted diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS. Please indicate whether any of these measures are aimed specifically at women and girls. Please provide information on the National Directorate for HIV/ AIDS and specify what its impact has been, particularly as regards discrimination against affected women and girls.

Social and economic benefits

27. Please provide information on the existence of family benefits, including access to bank loans, mortgages and health insurance and whether women married or unmarried have equal rights to those benefits.

Rural women

28. Please provide information on any strategy or programme carried out by the Government to improve the situation of rural women, including their access to health, education, employment, access to land, credit and decision-making, paying particular attention to the situation of older women. Please explain whether rural women are aware of their rights under the Convention and whether there are public information campaigns to that effect. What forms of assistance are available to women who work in the agricultural sector? Please also provide information on whether a gender perspective has been incorporated into national disaster relief strategies and national policies aimed at combating the negative impact of climate change.

Equality before the law

29. Please explain whether women are treated equally with men under the law with respect to their legal capacity to conclude contracts and administer property, as well as in court. Please specify if women have access to free legal services on equal terms with men.

Family relations

30. Please explain which law (civil law, customary law, or a combination of these) govern family relations. Please explain whether women are treated equally with men under these laws. Please also provide information on initiatives taken by the State party to ensure equality of women and girls with men in matters of inheritance and access to land. In this relation, please provide information on maintenance and inheritance rights of girls born out of wedlock.

Optional Protocol and amendment to article 20, paragraph 1

31. Please indicate any progress made with respect to ratification of or accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention. Please also describe progress towards acceptance of the amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
