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against Women**

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against Women**

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Item 1

Opening of the session

The thirty-seventh session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

Item 2

Solemn declaration by the new members of the Committee

According to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, new members of the Committee shall make the solemn declaration contained in that rule.

Item 3

Election of officers

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur for a term of two years, according to article 19 of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the Committee's rules of procedure. The term of office of the officers elected by the Committee at its thirty-seventh session, on 15 January 2007, will expire on 31 December 2008. Under rule 20 of the Committee's rules of procedure, if any of the officers of the Committee ceases to serve or declares her or his inability to continue serving as a member of the Committee or for any reason is no longer able to act as an officer, a new officer from the same region shall be elected for the unexpired term of her or his predecessor.

Item 4

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-sixth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its thirty-seventh session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2007/I/1)

Item 5

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh 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 6**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.

On the basis of the authorization provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/230, at its thirty-seventh session the Committee will meet for up to seven days in parallel chambers to consider periodic reports of States parties. At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee decided to invite 14 States parties to present their periodic reports, and one State party to present its initial report. All 15 States parties agreed to that request.

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee agreed on the need for basic and consistent criteria for determining membership in the chambers while recognizing the need for some flexibility to make adjustments in the composition of the two chambers, as may be necessary. Those criteria include fair geographical balance of experts between the two chambers; length of experience of experts on the Committee; assignment of experts who are nationals of a reporting State to the chamber that is not considering the report from that State party; assignment of office holders of the Committee to each chamber; and geographical balance, to the extent possible, of States whose reports are to be taken up in each chamber. Taking into account those criteria, the Committee agreed to decide on the membership in the chambers based on a proposal to be submitted by its Bureau for action by the Committee in advance of each session.

Also at its thirty-sixth session, the Committee established the composition of the parallel chambers for the thirty-seventh session (see annex II).

At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the sixth periodic report of Austria (CEDAW/C/AUT/6); the combined second and third periodic reports of Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/2-3); the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Colombia (CEDAW/C/COL/5-6); the sixth periodic report of Greece (CEDAW/C/GRC/6); the combined second and third periodic reports of India (CEDAW/C/IND/2-3); the second periodic report of Kazakhstan (CEDAW/C/KAZ/2); the combined second and third periodic reports of Maldives (CEDAW/C/MDV/2-3); the combined second and third periodic reports of Namibia (CEDAW/C/NAM/2-3); the fourth periodic report of the Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/4 and CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.1); the sixth periodic report of Nicaragua (CEDAW/C/NIC/6); the sixth periodic report of Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/6); the combined fourth and fifth, as well as sixth periodic reports of Poland (CEDAW/C/POL/4-5 and CEDAW/C/POL/6); the third periodic report of Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/3); the combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Tajikistan (CEDAW/C/TJK/1-3); and the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Viet Nam (CEDAW/C/VNM/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. 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-seventh 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 thirty-seventh 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/2007/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 thirty-seventh session met in New York from 31 July to 4 August 2006. 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

Sixth periodic report of Austria (CEDAW/C/AUT/6)

Combined second and third periodic reports of Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/2-3)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Colombia (CEDAW/C/COL/5-6)

Sixth periodic report of Greece (CEDAW/C/GRC/6)

Combined second and third periodic reports of India (CEDAW/C/IND/2-3)

Second periodic report of Kazakhstan (CEDAW/C/KAZ/2)

Combined second and third periodic reports of Maldives (CEDAW/C/MDV/2-3)

Combined second and third periodic reports of Namibia (CEDAW/C/NAM/2-3)

Fourth periodic report of the Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/4 and CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.1)

Sixth periodic report of Nicaragua (CEDAW/C/NIC/6)

Sixth periodic report of Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/6)

Combined fourth and fifth, as well as the sixth periodic reports of Poland (CEDAW/C/POL/4-5 and CEDAW/C/POL/6)

Third periodic report of Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/3)

Combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Tajikistan (CEDAW/C/TJK/1-3)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Viet Nam (CEDAW/C/VNM/5-6)
Report of the Pre-session Working Group (CEDAW/PSWG/2007/I/CRP.I)

Lists of issues and questions

Austria (CEDAW/C/AUT/Q/6)
Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/Q/3)
Colombia (CEDAW/C/COL/Q/6)
Greece (CEDAW/C/GRC/Q/6)
India (CEDAW/C/IND/Q/3)
Kazakhstan (CEDAW/C/KAZ/Q/2)
Maldives (CEDAW/C/MDV/Q/3)
Namibia (CEDAW/C/NAM/Q/3)
Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/Q/4)
Nicaragua (CEDAW/C/NIC/Q/6)
Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/Q/6)
Poland (CEDAW/C/POL/Q/6)
Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/Q/3)
Tajikistan (CEDAW/C/TJK/Q/3)
Viet Nam (CEDAW/C/VNM/Q/6)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Austria (CEDAW/C/AUT/Q/6/Add.1)
Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/Q/3/Add.1)
Colombia (CEDAW/C/COL/Q/6/Add.1)
Greece (CEDAW/C/GRC/Q/6/Add.1)
India (CEDAW/C/IND/Q/3/Add.1)
Kazakhstan (CEDAW/C/KAZ/Q/2/Add.1)
Maldives (CEDAW/C/MDV/Q/3/Add.1)
Namibia (CEDAW/C/NAM/Q/3/Add.1)
Netherlands (CEDAW/C/NLD/Q/4/Add.1)
Nicaragua (CEDAW/C/NIC/Q/6/Add.1)
Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/Q/6/Add.1)
Poland (CEDAW/C/POL/Q/6/Add.1)
Suriname (CEDAW/C/SUR/Q/3/Add.1)
Tajikistan (CEDAW/C/TJK/Q/3/Add.1)
Viet Nam (CEDAW/C/VNM/Q/6/Add.1)

Item 7

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 thirty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports provided by specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2007/I/3/Add.4)

Item 8

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/2007/I/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2007/I/4 and Add.1)

Item 9

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 will appoint five members to serve on the Working Group for a two-year term until 31 December 2008.

The ninth session of the Working Group will be held from 5 to 7 February 2007.

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

Item 10

Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth 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 thirty-eighth session of the Committee

Item 11

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-seventh session

Annex I**Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 15 January 2007		
756th meeting		
10 a.m.-11 a.m.		Opening of the session Solemn declaration by the new members of the Committee Election of officers Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions of the Committee 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 Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3 p.m.-5 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	7, 8 and 9	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 16 January 2007		
757th meeting		
Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention		
Chamber A		
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6	Kazakhstan, second periodic report (CEDAW/C/KAZ/2) Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Chamber B		
		Poland, combined fourth and fifth periodic reports and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/POL/4-5 and CEDAW/C/POL/6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
758th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m. -5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Kazakhstan (continued)
5 p.m. -6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m. -5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Poland (continued)
5 p.m. -6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Wednesday, 17 January 2007		
759th meeting		
Chamber A		
		Greece, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/GRC/6)
10 a.m. -10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Viet Nam, combined fifth and sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/VNM/5-6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
760th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Greece (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Viet Nam (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Thursday, 18 January 2007		
761st meeting		
Chamber A		
		India, combined second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/IND/2-3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Nicaragua, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NIC/6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
762nd meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	India (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Nicaragua (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Friday, 19 January 2007		
763rd meeting		
Chamber A		
		Peru, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/PER/6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Chamber B		
		Maldives, combined second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/MDV/2-3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
764th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Peru (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Maldives (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Monday, 22 January 2007		
10 a.m.-noon		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
Noon-1 p.m. (closed)	7	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	9	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
Tuesday, 23 January 2007		
765th meeting		
Chamber A		
		Azerbaijan, combined second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/AZE/2-3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Austria, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/AUT/6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

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766th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Azerbaijan (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Austria (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
 Wednesday, 24 January 2007		
767th meeting		
Chamber A		
		Namibia, combined second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/NAM/2-3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Netherlands, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NLD/4 and (CEDAW/C/NLD/4/Add.1)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
 768th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Namibia (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Netherlands (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Thursday, 25 January 2007		
769th meeting		
Chamber A		
		Suriname, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/SUR/3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Colombia, combined fifth and sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/COL/5-6)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
770th meeting		
Chamber A		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Suriname (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Chamber B		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Colombia (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group
Friday, 26 January 2007		
771st meeting		
	6 (continued)	Tajikistan, combined initial, second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/TJK/1-3)
10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	6 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	6 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
772nd meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	6 (continued)	Tajikistan (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 29 January 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	7 and 8 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	9 (continued)	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
Tuesday, 30 January 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	6, 7 and 8 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6, 7 and 8 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 31 January 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	6, 7 and 8 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6, 7 and 8 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 1 February 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	6, 7, 8 and 9 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	6, 7, 8 and 9 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 2 February 2007		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	6, 7, 8 and 9 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-4 p.m. (closed)	7, 8 and 9 (continued)	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole
773rd meeting		
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	10	Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Committee
	11	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-seventh session

Annex II

Overview of the proposed programme of work of the thirty-seventh session of the Committee and composition of chambers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Chamber A</i>	<i>Chamber B</i>
		Dorcas Coker-Appiah	Magalys Arocha
		Shanthi Dairiam	Ferdous Ara Begum
		Cees Flinterman	Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani
		Naela Gabr	Saisuree Chutikul
		Ruth Halperin-Kaddari	Françoise Gaspard
		Violeta Neubauer	Tiziana Maiolo
		Silvia Pimentel	Pramila Patten
		Fumiko Saiga	Hazel Shelton
		Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling	Dubravka Šimonović
		Heisoo Shin	Anamah Tan
		Glenda Simms	Maria Regina Tavares da Silva
			Xiaoqiao Zou
15 January 756th meeting	Opening of session; meetings with United Nations entities; NGOs		
16 January 757th and 758th meetings		Kazakhstan	Poland
17 January 759th and 760th meetings		Greece	Viet Nam
18 January 761st and 762nd meetings		India	Nicaragua
19 January 763rd and 764th meetings		Peru	Maldives
22 January	Meeting with NGOs; other items		
23 January 765th and 766th meetings		Azerbaijan	Austria

<i>Date</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Chamber A</i>	<i>Chamber B</i>
24 January 767th and 768th meetings		Namibia	Netherlands
25 January 769th and 770th meetings		Suriname	Colombia
26 January 771st and 772nd meetings	Tajikistan		
29 January	closed meeting		
30 January	closed meeting		
31 January	closed meeting		
1 February	closed meeting		
2 February	Closing of session (p.m.)		
