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against Women**
Thirty-fifth session
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Annotations

Item 1

Opening of the session

The thirty-fifth 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-fourth session, the Committee approved the agenda for its thirty-fifth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2006/II/1)

Item 3

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth 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 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 this 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-fourth session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to that request.

At its thirty-fifth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CEDAW/C/BIH/1-3); the combined initial and second periodic report of Malaysia (CEDAW/C/MYS/1-2); the combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Saint Lucia (CEDAW/C/LCA/1-6);

the combined initial and second periodic report of Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/1-2); the combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/3-5); the sixth periodic report of Guatemala (CEDAW/C/GUA/6); the combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Malawi; (CEDAW/C/MWI/2-5) and the sixth periodic report of Romania (CEDAW/C/ROM/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-fifth 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. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

At its thirty-fifth 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/2006/II/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 representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the thirty-fifth session met in New York from 6 to 10 February 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

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CEDAW/C/BIH/1-3)

Combined initial and second periodic report of Malaysia (CEDAW/C/MYS/1-2)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Saint Lucia (CEDAW/C/LCA/1-6)

Combined initial and second periodic report of Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/1-2)

Combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/3-5)

Sixth periodic report of Guatemala (CEDAW/C/GUA/6)

Combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/2-5)

Sixth periodic report of Romania (CEDAW/C/ROM/6)

Report of the pre-session working (CEDAW/PSWG/2006/II/CRP.1)

Lists of issues and questions

Bosnia and Herzegovina (CEDAW/C/BIH/Q/3)

Malaysia (CEDAW/C/MYS/Q/2)

Saint Lucia (CEDAW/C/LCA/Q/6)

Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/Q/2)

Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/Q/5)

Guatemala (CEDAW/C/GUA/Q/6)

Malawi (CEDAW/C/MWI/Q/5)

Romania (CEDAW/C/ROM/Q/6)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Bosnia and Herzegovina CEDAW/C/BIH/Q/3/Add.1

Malaysia CEDAW/C/MYS/Q/2/Add.1

Saint Lucia CEDAW/C/LCA/Q/6/Add.1

Turkmenistan CEDAW/C/TKM/Q/2/Add.1

Cyprus CEDAW/C/CYP/Q/5/Add.1

Guatemala CEDAW/C/GUA/Q/6/Add.1

Malawi CEDAW/C/MWI/Q/5/Add.1

Romania CEDAW/C/ROM/Q/6/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 article 2 of the Convention and on migrant women 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-fifth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2006/II/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/2006/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2006/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2006/II/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/2006/II/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2006/II/4)

Item 7**Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

At its thirty-fifth 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 thirty-sixth session**

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-sixth session of the Committee

Item 9**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-fifth session**

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 15 May 2006		
720th meeting		
10 a.m. - 11.30 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-fourth and thirty-fifth 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. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (closed)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 16 May 2006		
721st meeting		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	Item 4	Bosnia and Herzegovina, combined initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/BIH/1-3)
10 a.m. - 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
722nd meeting		
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Bosnia and Herzegovina (continued)
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 17 May 2006		
723rd meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Turkmenistan, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/TKM/1-2)
10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party

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10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
724th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Turkmenistan (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 18 May 2006		
725th meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Guatemala, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/GUA/6)
10 a.m.-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
726th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Guatemala (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 19 May 2006		
727th meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Malawi, combined second, third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MWI/2-5)
10 a.m.-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
728th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Malawi (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 22 May 2006		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Discussion on a general recommendation on migrant women
3 p.m.-4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Items 5 and 6	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 23 May 2006		
729th meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Saint Lucia, combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/LCA/1-6)
10 a.m.-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

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730th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Saint Lucia (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 24 May 2006		
731st meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Malaysia, combined initial and second periodic report (CEDAW/C/MYS/1-2)
10 a.m.-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
732nd meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Malaysia (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 25 May 2006		
733rd meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Cyprus, combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/CYP/3-5)
10 a.m.-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
734th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Cyprus (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 26 May 2006		
735th meeting		
	Item 4 (continued)	Romania, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/ROM/6)
10 a.m.-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
736th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Romania (continued)
5 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 29 May 2006		
Official holiday		

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Tuesday, 30 May 2006		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 5	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 31 May 2006		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 1 June 2006		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (closed)	Items 5 and 6 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 2 May 2006		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
737th meeting		
3 p.m.-4 p.m. (closed)	Items 5 and 6 (continued)	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-fifth session