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### Provisional agenda

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

### Item 1

### Opening of the session

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

#### **Documentation**

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

#### Item 3

# Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth 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.

Based on General Assembly resolution 60/230, the Committee at its thirty-sixth session will meet for up to seven days in parallel chambers to consider periodic reports of States parties. At its thirty-fourth session the Committee decided to invite 14 States parties to present their periodic reports, and 1 State party to present its initial report. All 15 States parties agreed to that request.

At its thirty-fifth session, the Committee agreed on the need for basic and consistent criteria for determining membership in chambers while recognizing the need for some flexibility to make adjustments in the composition of the two chambers, as may be necessary. These 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 these criteria, the Committee agreed to decide on the membership in 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-fifth session, the Committee established the composition of the parallel chambers for the thirty-sixth session (see annex II).

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Cape

Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/1-6); the fourth periodic report of Chile (CEDAW/C/CHI/4); the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of China (CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6 and Add.1 and 2); the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Cuba (CEDAW/C/CUB/5-6); the third periodic report of the Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/3); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COD/4-5); the sixth periodic report of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DNK/6); the combined second and third periodic report of Georgia (CEDAW/C/GEO/2-3); the combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Ghana (CEDAW/C/GHA/3-5); the fifth periodic report of Jamaica (CEDAW/C/JAM/5); the combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report of Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MAR/3-5); the sixth periodic report of Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/6); the combined fifth and sixth periodic report of the Philippines (CEDAW/C/PHI/5-6); the combined second and third periodic report of the Republic of Moldova (CEDAW/C/MDA/2-3); and the combined second and third periodic report of Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/2-3).

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-sixth 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-sixth 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/III/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-sixth 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, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Cape Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/1-6)

Fourth periodic report of Chile (CEDAW/C/CHI/4)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of China (CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6 and Add.1 and 2)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of Cuba (CEDAW/C/CUB/5-6)

Third periodic report of the Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/3)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COD/4-5)

Sixth periodic report of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DNK/6)

Combined second and third periodic report of Georgia (CEDAW/C/GEO/2-3)

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

Fifth periodic report of Jamaica (CEDAW/C/JAM/5)

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

Sixth periodic report of Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/6)

Combined fifth and sixth periodic report of the Philippines (CEDAW/C/PHI/5-6)

Combined second and third periodic report of the Republic of Moldova (CEDAW/C/MDA/2-3)

Combined second and third periodic report of Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/2-3)

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

Lists of issues and questions

Cape Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/Q/6)

Chile (CEDAW/C/CHI/Q/4)

China (CEDAW/C/CHN/Q/6)

Cuba (CEDAW/C/CUB/Q/6)

Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/Q/3)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COD/Q/5)

Denmark (CEDAW/C/DNK/Q/6)

Georgia (CEDAW/C/GEO/Q/3)

Ghana (CEDAW/C/GHA/Q/5)

Jamaica (CEDAW/C/JAM/Q/5)

Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MAR/Q/5)

Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/Q/6)

Philippines (CEDAW/C/PHI/Q/6)

Republic of Moldova (CEDAW/C/MDA/Q/3)

Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/Q/3)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Cape Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/Q/6/Add.1)

Chile (CEDAW/C/CHI/Q/4/Add.1)

China (CEDAW/C/CHN/Q/6/Add.1)

Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/Q/3/Add.1)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (CEDAW/C/COD/Q/5/Add.1)

Denmark (CEDAW/C/DNK/Q/6/Add.1)

Georgia (CEDAW/C/GEO/Q/3/Add.1)

Ghana (CEDAW/C/GHA/Q/5/Add.1)

Jamaica (CEDAW/C/JAM/Q/5/Add.1)

Mauritius (CEDAW/C/MAR/Q/5/Add.1)

Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/Q/6/Add.1)

Philippines (CEDAW/C/PHI/Q/6/Add.1)

Republic of Moldova (CEDAW/C/MDA/Q/3/Add.1)

Uzbekistan (CEDAW/C/UZB/Q/3/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 thirty-sixth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2006/III/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/III/3)

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

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

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

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

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2006/III/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-second session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group for a two-year term until 31 December 2006.

The eighth session of the Working Group will be held from 2 to 4 August 2006.

At its thirty-sixth 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-seventh 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-seventh session of the Committee

#### Item 9

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

## Annex I

# **Proposed organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Monday, 7 August 2006			
738th meeting			
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-fifth and thirty-sixth 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 presession 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.m1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies	
3-4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole	
Tuesday, 8 August 2006			
739th meeting		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention	
Chamber A		Cuba, combined fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/CUB/5-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Democratic Republic of the Congo, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/COD/4-5)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	

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Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
740th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Cuba (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Wednesday, 9 August 2006			
741st meeting			
Chamber A		Denmark, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/DNK/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Ghana, combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/GHA/3-5)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
742nd meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Denmark (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Ghana (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Thursday, 10 August 2006			
743rd meeting			
Chamber A		Uzbekistan, combined second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/UZB/2-3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Chamber B		China, combined fifth and sixth periodic report and addenda 1 and 2 (CEDAW/C/CHN/5-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
744th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Uzbekistan (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	China (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Friday, 11 August 2006			
745th meeting			
Chamber A		Mauritius, combined third, fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MAR/3-5)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Jamaica, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/JAM/5)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
746th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Mauritius (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Jamaica (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Monday, 14 August 2006	•		
10 a.mnoon		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations	
Noon-1 p.m. (closed)	Item 5	Working Group of the Whole	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
3-6 p.m. ( <i>closed</i> )	Item 7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol	
Tuesday, 15 August 2006	j		
747th meeting			
Chamber A		Philippines, combined fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/PHI/5-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Georgia, combined second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/GEO/2-3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
748th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Philippines (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Georgia (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Wednesday, 16 August 2	006		
749th meeting			
Chamber A		Chile, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/CHI/4)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Republic of Moldova, combined second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/MDA/2-3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
750th meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Chile (continued)	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
5-6 p.m. ( <i>closed</i> )	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Republic of Moldova (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Thursday, 17 August 2006			
751st meeting			
Chamber A		Czech Republic, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/CZE/3)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
Chamber B		Mexico, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MEX/6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
752nd meeting			
Chamber A			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Czech Republic (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Chamber B			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Mexico (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group	
Friday, 18 August 2006			
753rd meeting			
	Item 4 (continued)	Cape Verde, combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/CPV/1-6)	
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Introduction by the representative of the State party	
10.30 a.m1 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee	
754th meeting			
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (continued)	Cape Verde (continued)	
5-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 4 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	

Date/time	Agenda item	Documentation/programme	
Monday, 21 August 2006			
10 a.m1 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
3-6 p.m. (closed)	Item 7 (continued)	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol	
Tuesday, 22 August 2006			
10 a.m1 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
3-6 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
Wednesday, 23 August 2006			
10 a.m1 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
3-6 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5 (continued)	Working Group of the Whole	
Thursday, 24 August 2006			
10 a.m1 p.m. (closed)	Items 4, 5, 6, 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole	
3-6 p.m. ( <i>closed</i> )	Items 4, 5, 6, 7 ( <i>continued</i> )	Working Group of the Whole	
Friday, 25 August 2006			
10 a.m1 p.m. (closed)		Working Group of the Whole	
3-4 p.m. (closed)		Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole	
755th meeting			
4-6 p.m.	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session	
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-sixth session	

### **Annex II**

# Overview of the proposed programme of work of the thirty-sixth session and composition of chambers

Date	Plenary	Chamber A	Chamber B
		Dorcas Coker-Appiah	Magalys Arocha
		Françoise Gaspard	Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani
		Huguette Gnacadja	Shanthi Dairiam
		Krisztina Morvai	Cees Flinterman
		Silvia Pimentel	Naela Gabr
		Fumiko Saiga	Salma Khan
		Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling	Tiziana Maiolo
		Glenda Simms	Rosario Manalo
		Dubravka Šimonović	Pramila Patten
		Anamah Tan	Victoria Popescu
		Xiaoqiao Zou	Maria Regina Tavares da Silva
			Heisoo Shin
7 August 738th meeting	Opening; meetings with United Nations entities; NGOs	3	
8 August 739th and 740th meetings		Cuba	Democratic Republic of the Congo
9 August 741st and 742nd meetings		Denmark	Ghana
10 August 743rd and 744th meetings		Uzbekistan	China
11 August 745th and 746th meetings		Mauritius	Jamaica
14 August	Meeting with NGOs; other items		
15 August 747th and 748th meetings		Philippines	Georgia

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Date	Plenary	Chamber A	Chamber B
16 August 749th and 750th meetings		Chile	Republic of Moldova
17 August 751st and 752nd meetings		Czech Republic	Mexico
18 August 753rd and 754th meetings	Cape Verde		
21 August	Closed meeting		
22 August	Closed meeting		
23 August	Closed meeting		
24 August	Closed meeting		
25 August 755th meeting	Closure of session (p.m.)		