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Chair: Ms. Haidar

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The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its ninety-first session

Provisional agenda for the ninety-second session of the Committee

1. **Ms. Akia** (Rapporteur) said that she had the honour of introducing the Committee's draft report on its ninety-first session, which was contained in document [CEDAW/C/2025/II/L.1](#). She wished to draw attention to chapters II and III.

2. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt those chapters.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Ms. Akia** (Rapporteur) said that she also wished to draw attention to chapter VIII of the Committee's draft report, which contained the provisional agenda for the ninety-second session. Chapters VI and VII contained the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, which described the action taken by the Committee for the implementation of article 21 of the Convention and ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee.

5. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the report on the ninety-first session in its entirety, including the provisional agenda for the ninety-second session.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *The draft report of the Committee on its ninety-first session, as a whole, was adopted.*

Statement by the Chair

8. **The Chair** said that, during the session, the Committee had considered seven State Party reports and adopted concluding observations on those reports. It had also adopted concluding observations on the periodic reports of Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu following the country exchanges with those States Parties at the Committee's Pacific technical cooperation session held in Suva, Fiji from 7 to 11 April 2025.

9. The Committee had held informal meetings with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and national human rights institutions, and attended lunchtime briefings organized by NGOs. It had been pleased by the high level of engagement of NGOs from most of the States Parties reviewed and two national human rights institutions. International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific had coordinated the country-specific briefings by NGOs, which had once again made a significant contribution to the Committee's work.

10. She wished to thank the United Nations entities and other intergovernmental bodies that had provided the Committee with detailed information, including the inter-agency group on reporting to the Committee, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

11. A number of United Nations country teams had submitted their reports through the inter-agency group, one such team had briefed the Committee in person and three had submitted pre-recorded video statements. The highlight of the session had been the Committee's review of the fourth periodic report of Afghanistan, in which recommendations had been addressed to the de facto authorities of Afghanistan, the international community, the United Nations system and the permanent mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

12. It was regrettable that, owing to the financial crisis affecting the Secretariat, it would not be possible to hold the Committee's third session of the year. Thanks were due to the Working Group on Working Methods for its excellent work in restructuring the Committee's dialogues with State Parties and for finding ways of dealing with the reduction in the Committee's meeting time.

13. Good progress had been made by the Working Group on Gender-Based Violence, whose efforts had enabled the Committee to publish an initial position paper on

technology-facilitated gender-based violence against women and a statement on a proposed optional protocol on gender-based violence against women. The working group on women and peace and security had made significant headway in producing a draft addendum to general recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations. The draft would be issued to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security and would be published in September 2025 for the purposes of an online consultation to be conducted during the General Assembly.

14. Gratitude was due to Ms. Pia-Comella and Ms. Draz, who had begun their mandates as rapporteur on follow-up and alternate rapporteur on follow-up, respectively. Their work had enabled the Committee to adopt eight follow-up assessments. Thanks to the excellent drafts prepared by the Working Group on Communications, five decisions on individual communications had been adopted. The Working Group on Inquiries had carried out important work on a number of pending confidential inquiry proceedings.

15. During the session, the Committee had held interesting exchanges with Mr. Toscano Rivalta of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; Ms. Reem Alsalem, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women; the coordinator of the “Faith for Rights” initiative; and Mr. Antti Korkeakivi, the Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch.

Closure of the session

16. Following an exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the ninety-first session closed.

The meeting rose at 6.20 p.m.