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## Letter of transmittal

[27 March 2020]

I have the honour to refer to article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, according to which the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, established pursuant to the Convention, is to, through the Economic and Social Council, report annually to the General Assembly on its activities.

The Committee held its seventy-third session from 1 to 19 July 2019, its seventy-fourth session from 21 October to 8 November 2019 and its seventy-fifth session from 10 to 28 February 2020, at the United Nations Office at Geneva. It adopted its reports on the sessions at its 1717th meeting, on 19 July 2019, its 1746th meeting, on 8 November 2019, and its 1776th meeting, on 28 February 2020. The reports are herewith submitted for transmission to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

*(Signed)* Hilary **Gbedemah**  
Chair



**Part One**

**Report of the Committee on the Elimination of  
Discrimination against Women on its seventy-third session**

**1–19 July 2019**

## Chapter I

### Decisions adopted by the Committee

#### Decision 73/I

On 9 July 2019, further to its decision 72/XI, the Committee adopted the text of a statement on the issue of human rights and climate change, issued jointly with the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 16 September 2019 on the occasion of the 2019 Climate Action Summit ([bit.ly/3btIpcR](https://bit.ly/3btIpcR)).

#### Decision 73/II

On 18 July 2019, the Committee adopted the text of a joint statement on “Protecting and empowering girls and demanding equality”, issued jointly with the Committee on the Rights of the Child on 11 October 2019 on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child ([bit.ly/2JkgTCA](https://bit.ly/2JkgTCA)).

#### Decision 73/III

Revising its decisions 69/V and 72/X, and with a view to aligning its working methods with those of other treaty bodies, the Committee decided to remove the requirement of the submission of a common core document for States parties wishing to avail themselves of the simplified reporting procedure for the submission of their periodic reports to the Committee.

#### Decision 73/IV

Recalling General Assembly resolution [68/268](#), which requests the Secretary-General to “ensure the progressive implementation of relevant accessibility standards with regard to the human rights treaty body system, as appropriate, particularly in connection with the strategic heritage plan being developed for the United Nations Office at Geneva, and to provide reasonable accommodation for treaty body experts with disabilities to ensure their full and effective participation” ([A/RES/68/268](#), para. 29);

Recognizing the importance of making its work accessible to experts with disabilities to ensure their full and effective participation;

The Committee decided to request the Secretariat to:

(a) Ensure that all documents are available in accessible formats (Word or PDF), generally at least 24 hours in advance or, in urgent cases, at least 6 hours in advance of their consideration by the Committee;

(b) Ensure that Braille copies are also available, when requested with sufficient notice;

(c) Ensure that any paragraphs under discussion during the adoption of documents are read out in full by Secretariat staff or experts.

It also decided to keep its practices under review, with a view to continuously improving the accessibility of its work for all stakeholders with disabilities and thereby ensuring their full and effective participation in the work of the Committee.

**Decision 73/V**

In line with the Framework of Cooperation between the Committee and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, dated 8 November 2018, the Committee decided to establish a focal point on gender-based violence against women. It appointed Genoveva Tisheva as focal point. Noting its decision 72/XII on rationalization of working groups of the Committee, it decided that the focal point may be converted into a working group once the working group on national human rights institutions has been dissolved and a specific output has been defined for a working group on gender-based violence against women.

**Decision 73/VI**

The Committee decided to prepare a contribution for the Beijing+25 Review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), scheduled to take place during the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2020. It entrusted Nicole Ameline, Bandana Rana and other interested members of the Committee with the preparation of an outline to be endorsed by the Committee and with the elaboration of a draft text for adoption during the seventy-fourth session of the Committee in October–November 2019.

**Decision 73/VII**

Further to its decision 68/III to postpone the consideration of the combined seventh and eighth periodic reports of Yemen ([CEDAW/C/YEM/7-8](#)), received in June 2013, at the request of the State party, the Committee entrusted the pre-sessional working group for its seventy-seventh session (2–6 March 2020) with the elaboration of a revised list of issues and questions, with a view to asking the State party to update its report.

**Decision 73/VIII**

The Committee decided that its Bureau shall be informed in advance of any replacement of a pre-sessional working group member from one regional group by a member from another regional group. It also decided that the principle of equitable regional representation shall, to the extent possible, be ensured through a reciprocal exchange, whereby a member from the regional group who cedes their place shall replace the member from the respective other regional group at a future pre-sessional working group.

**Decision 73/VIII**

The Committee confirmed the members of the pre-sessional working group for the seventy-fifth session: Gladys Acosta Vargas, Gunnar Bergby, Naéla Gabr, Wenyan Song and Genoveva Tisheva.

## Chapter II

### Organizational and other matters

#### A. States parties to the Convention and to the Optional Protocol

1. As at 19 July 2019, the closing date of the seventy-third session of the Committee, there were 189 States parties to the Convention. In addition, 79 States parties had accepted the amendment to article 20 (1) of the Convention concerning the meeting time of the Committee. A total of 126 States parties to the Convention are currently required to accept the amendment in order to bring it into force.

2. As at the same date, there were 112 States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

#### B. Opening of the session

3. The Committee held its seventy-third session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 19 July 2019. The Committee held 18 plenary meetings and 11 meetings to discuss agenda items 5 to 8. A list of the documents before the Committee is contained in the annex to part one of the present report.

4. At the 1688th meeting, on 1 July, the session was opened by the Chair.

#### C. Adoption of the agenda

5. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda ([CEDAW/C/73/1](#)) at its 1688th meeting, on 1 July.

#### D. Report of the pre-sessional working group

6. The report of the pre-sessional working group ([CEDAW/C/PSWG/73/1](#)), which had met from 12 to 16 November 2018, was introduced by Gladys Acosta Vargas at the 1688th meeting, on 1 July.

#### E. Organization of work

7. On 1 and 8 July, the Committee held closed meetings, including videoconferences, with representatives of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, who provided country-specific information and information on the efforts of those bodies to support the implementation of the Convention.

8. The Committee also held informal public meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, who provided information on the implementation of the Convention in the States parties, the reports of which the Committee considered at its session.

9. On 1 July, the Committee was briefed by Dubravka Šimonović, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, on her activities, including her thematic report to the Human Rights Council concerning the 25 years of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur.

10. On 4 July, the Committee was briefed by Antonella Lavelanet, of the Maternal and Perinatal Health and Preventing Unsafe Abortion Team at the World Health

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Organization, on that organization's database and repository on abortion policies, the aim of which is to strengthen global efforts to eliminate unsafe abortion.

11. On 8 July, the Committee hosted a panel discussion on "The CEDAW Convention: 40 years of promoting and empowering women". The event was convened by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Convention.

## **F. Membership of the Committee**

### **Attendance at the seventy-third session**

12. All members attended the seventy-third session. The following members did not attend on the indicated dates: Aruna Devi Narain, from 1 to 5 and on 12 July; and Franceline Toé-Bouda, on 1 and 2 July. A list of the members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex II to part three of the present report.

## **Chapter III**

### **Report of the Chair on intersessional activities**

13. At the 1688th meeting, on 1 July 2019, the Chair presented a report on her activities since the seventy-second session.

## Chapter IV

### Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention

14. The Committee considered the reports of seven States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention and prepared the following concluding observations thereon:

Austria	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/AUT/CO/9</a> )
Cabo Verde	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/CPV/CO/9</a> )
Côte d'Ivoire	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/CIV/CO/4</a> )
Democratic Republic of the Congo	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/COD/CO/8</a> )
Guyana	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/GUY/CO/9</a> )
Mozambique	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/MOZ/CO/3-5</a> )
Qatar	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/QAT/CO/2</a> )

#### Follow-up procedures relating to concluding observations

15. The Committee considered the follow-up reports received from the following States parties:

Albania	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/ALB/CO/4/Add.1</a> )
Belarus	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/BLR/CO/8/Add.1</a> )
Canada	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/CAN/CO/8-9/Add.1</a> )
El Salvador	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/SLV/CO/8-9/Add.1</a> )
Honduras	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/HND/CO/7-8/Add.1</a> )
The Philippines	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/7-8/Add.1</a> )
Switzerland	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/CHE/CO/4-5/Add.1</a> )
Trinidad and Tobago	( <a href="#">CEDAW/C/TTO/CO/4-7/Add.1</a> and Add.2)

16. The Committee sent first reminders to Ireland, the Federated States of Micronesia, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Ukraine, the follow-up reports of which were overdue.

17. The Rapporteur on follow-up met representatives of Myanmar and Tanzania, given that their follow-up reports were overdue.

## Chapter V

### Activities carried out under the Optional Protocol

18. Article 12 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee is to include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Optional Protocol.

#### A. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 2 of the Optional Protocol

19. The Committee discussed activities under article 2 of the Optional Protocol on 15, 16 and 19 July 2019.

20. The Committee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol on its forty-fourth session ([bit.ly/2UDVQAh](https://bit.ly/2UDVQAh)).

21. The Committee was informed that the Working Group had elected Gladys Acosta Vargas as its Chair and Aruna Devi Narain as its Vice-Chair.

22. The Committee adopted final decisions with regard to nine individual communications submitted under article 2 of the Optional Protocol. It adopted decisions of inadmissibility in *A.N.A. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/73/D/94/2015), *J.D. et al. v. Czech Republic* (CEDAW/C/73/D/102/2016) and *Polish Society of Anti-Discrimination Law v. Poland* (CEDAW/C/73/D/136/2018). The Committee adopted views finding violations in *R.S.A.A. et al v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/73/D/86/2015), *O.M. v. Ukraine* (CEDAW/C/73/D/87/2015), *S.L. v. Bulgaria* (CEDAW/C/73/D/99/2016) and *X and Y v. Russian Federation* (CEDAW/C/73/D/100/2016). It discontinued its consideration of *O.D.A. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/73/D/84/2015) and *N.A.S. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/73/D/109/2016). All decisions were adopted by consensus.

#### B. Follow-up to views of the Committee on individual communications

23. The Committee decided to close the follow-up dialogue in relation to *T.P.F. v. Peru* (CEDAW/C/50/D/22/2009), with a finding of a satisfactory implementation of the recommendations contained in its views, and, *L.R. v. Republic of Moldova* (CEDAW/C/66/D/58/2013), with a finding of a non-satisfactory implementation of the recommendations contained in its views. Of the 11 cases currently under follow-up examination, three relate to the Russian Federation and one relates to each of Bulgaria, Finland, Georgia, Mexico, Slovakia, Tanzania, Timor-Leste and Ukraine.

#### C. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 8 of the Optional Protocol

24. The Committee discussed its activities under article 8 of the Optional Protocol on 16 July. It endorsed the report of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol on its thirteenth session ([bit.ly/2WiQ3M](https://bit.ly/2WiQ3M)).

25. The Committee was informed that the Working Group had elected Marion Bethel as its Chair and Aicha Vall Verges as its Vice-Chair.

26. The Committee approved the following recommendation made by the Working Group:



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(a) In relation to inquiry No. 2011/1, concerning Canada, to invite the State party to provide information on the measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the inquiry report ([CEDAW/C/OP.8/CAN/1](#), paras. 85 and 86);

27. The Committee also adopted the following decision:

In relation to inquiry No. 2017/3, to designate Lia Nadaraia as an additional member to conduct the inquiry with Nicole Ameline and Dalia Leinarte.

## Chapter VI

### Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

28. The secretariat informed the Committee about the status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention.

#### Action taken by the Committee under agenda item 7

##### Dates of future sessions

29. In accordance with the calendar of conferences, the following dates were confirmed for the Committee's seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions and related meetings:

Seventy-fourth session (Geneva)

(a) Forty-fifth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 16–18 October 2019;

(b) Fourteenth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol: 17 and 18 October 2019;

(c) Seventy-fourth session: 21 October–8 November 2019;

(d) Pre-sessional working group for the seventy-sixth session: 11–15 November 2019;

Seventy-fifth session (Geneva)

(e) Forty-sixth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 4–7 February 2020;

(f) Fifteenth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol: 6 and 7 February 2020;

(g) Seventy-fifth session: 10 February–28 February 2020;

(h) Pre-sessional working group for the seventy-seventh session: 2–6 March 2020.

##### Reports to be considered at future sessions

30. The Committee confirmed that, at its seventy-fourth session, it would consider the reports of Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and Seychelles, and that, at its seventy-fifth session, it would consider those of Afghanistan, Bulgaria (under the simplified reporting procedure; postponed from the seventy-second session), Eritrea, Kiribati, Latvia, Pakistan, Republic of Moldova and Zimbabwe.

## Chapter VII

### Implementation of article 21 of the Convention

#### Working group on working methods

31. The working group met twice during the session. It discussed the revision of criteria for States parties to avail themselves of the simplified reporting procedure, namely by lifting the requirement to submit a common core document (see decision 73/III), and improving the accessibility of the work of the Committee for persons with disabilities (see decision 73/IV), and submitted draft decisions on those matters to the Committee.

#### Working group on the Convention, UN-Women and the Sustainable Development Goals

32. The working group met twice and discussed the current status of the draft revised treaty-specific reporting guidelines integrating the Sustainable Development Goals. The working group continued its discussion on the preparation of a written contribution by the Committee to the Beijing+25 review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

33. The working group met Soon-Young Yoon, Chair of the Board of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, who presented the recently published *NGO Guidance for National Parallel Reports*, prepared by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women.

#### Working group on cooperation with national human rights institutions

34. The working group met twice during the session. The Chair of the working group briefed the other members on progress made towards the adoption of a guidance note on the engagement of the Committee with national human rights institutions. The Chair welcomed the participation in the working group's meetings of representatives of the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section of OHCHR and the secretariat of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. The Chair expressed appreciation for the ongoing collaboration by all stakeholders with the secretariat and invited them to convene before the seventy-fourth session of the Committee in order to finalize the guidance note.

#### Working group on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration

35. The working group met twice during the session. The Chair of the working group briefed the other members about the outcome of various expert group meetings held since June 2018 on the draft general recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, a planned expert group meeting in Helsinki and the progress made in raising funds for the preparation of the draft general recommendation as well as for holding regional consultations. The Chair also informed the working group about the organization of a regional consultation in Cairo later in 2019. The working group discussed changes in the timeline for the preparation of the draft general recommendation.

## **Chapter VIII**

### **Provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session**

36. At its 1717th meeting, on 19 July 2019, the Committee considered and approved the draft provisional agenda for its seventy-fourth session.

## **Chapter IX**

### **Adoption of the report**

37. At its 1717th meeting, on 19 July 2019, the Committee considered and adopted, as orally amended, the draft report on its seventy-third session.

**Annex****Documents before the Committee at its seventy-third session**

<i>Document number</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/73/1</a>	Annotated provisional agenda
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/73/2</a>	Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>Reports of States parties</b>	
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/AUT/9</a>	Ninth periodic report of Austria
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/CPV/9</a>	Ninth periodic report of Cabo Verde
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/CIV/4</a>	Fourth periodic report of Côte d'Ivoire
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/COD/8</a>	Eighth periodic report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/GUY/9</a>	Ninth periodic report of Guyana
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/MOZ/3-5</a>	Combined third to fifth periodic report of Mozambique
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/QAT/2</a>	Second periodic report of Qatar

**Part Two**

**Report of the Committee on the Elimination of  
Discrimination against Women on its seventy-fourth session**

**21 October–8 November 2019**

## Chapter I

### Decisions adopted by the Committee

#### Decision 74/I

On 7 November 2019, the Committee adopted a paper on its cooperation with national human rights institutions ([bit.ly/2JkvJco](https://bit.ly/2JkvJco)), which takes into account procedures and practices developed by other human rights treaty bodies since the adoption in 2008 by the Committee of its statement on its relationship with national human rights institutions.

#### Decision 74/II

On 8 November 2019, the Committee adopted a guidance note for States parties for the preparation of reports under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals ([bit.ly/3dwYj8j](https://bit.ly/3dwYj8j)).

#### Decision 74/III

The Committee decided that States parties should limit additional answers provided in writing within 48 hours following the constructive dialogue to a maximum of 1,500 words, with a view to ensuring that such answers are kept to a manageable volume. It also decided that States parties should be informed about the word limit prior to their constructive dialogue with the Committee.

#### Decision 74/IV

The Committee decided to amend its decision 65/I on the coordination meeting of country task forces in order to reschedule the meeting so that it takes place immediately after the private lunchtime briefing by non-governmental organizations on the day prior to the constructive dialogue with the State party concerned, rather than at the end of that day, with a view to ensuring the effective coordination of issues to be raised during the dialogue.

#### Decision 74/V

To put into practice the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa guidelines), the Committee decided that the country rapporteur, members of the country task force and the Chair of the Committee should not participate in mock sessions or reporting workshops on the Convention during the period between the adoption of the list of issues or list of issues prior to reporting, respectively, and the adoption of the concluding observations on the State party concerned. It also decided that members who participate in such events during the aforementioned period must not join the country task force at a later stage or participate in the constructive dialogue with, or in the preparation and adoption of the concluding observations on, the State party concerned. The Committee further decided that members participating in such events during the aforementioned period must not accept any remuneration for their participation apart from a daily subsistence allowance and reimbursement of their travel costs.

#### Decision 74/VI

The Committee decided to postpone the adoption of its contribution to the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action until the seventy-fifth session of the Committee in February 2020.



**Decision 74/VII**

On 8 November 2019, the Committee decided to transform the focal point on gender-based violence against women into a working group chaired by Genoveva Tisheva. It decided to entrust the working group with the development of comprehensive guidance for States parties, including a checklist for the submission of reports to the Committee under article 18 of the Convention, on the implementation of their obligations and their accountability as set out in general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19.

**Decision 74/VIII**

On 6 November 2019, the Committee adopted an updated methodology of the follow-up procedure to concluding observations ([bit.ly/3dyUFuA](https://bit.ly/3dyUFuA)).

**Decision 74/IX**

The Committee confirmed the members of the pre-sessional working group for the seventy-sixth session: Gladys Acosta Vargas, Gunnar Bergby, Hilary Gbedemah, Wenyan Song and Genoveva Tisheva.

## Chapter II

### Organizational and other matters

#### A. States parties to the Convention and to the Optional Protocol

1. As at 8 November 2019, the closing date of the seventy-fourth session of the Committee, the ratification status of the Convention (189 States parties) was as it was on 19 July, the closing date of the seventy-third session. One additional State party had accepted the amendment to article 20 (1) of the Convention concerning the meeting time of the Committee, bringing the total number of States parties having accepted the amendment to 80.

2. The ratification status of the Optional Protocol to the Convention also increased, to 113 States parties.

#### B. Opening of the session

3. The seventy-fourth session of the Committee was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 October to 8 November 2019. The Committee held 18 plenary meetings and 12 meetings to discuss agenda items 5 to 8. A list of the documents before the Committee is contained in the annex to part two of the present report.

4. At the 1718th meeting, on 21 October, the session was opened by the Chair.

#### C. Adoption of the agenda

5. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda ([CEDAW/C/74/1](#)) at its 1718th meeting, on 21 October.

#### D. Report of the pre-sessional working group

6. The report of the pre-sessional working group ([CEDAW/C/PSWG/74/1](#)), which had met from 11 to 15 March, was introduced by Nicole Ameline at the 1718th meeting, on 21 October.

#### E. Organization of work

7. On 21 and 28 October, the Committee held closed meetings, including videoconferences, with representatives of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, who provided country-specific information and information on the efforts of those bodies in support of the implementation of the Convention.

8. The Committee also held informal public meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, who provided information on the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports the Committee considered at its session.

9. On 25 October, the Committee hosted a panel discussion on “Paving the way for adolescent girls’ rights: Integrating an age and gender perspective in policy and law”. The event was convened by Plan International, UN-Women, OHCHR, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Child Rights Connect, Terre des Hommes and Defence for

Children International to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Convention and the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

10. On 29 October, the Committee held an informal meeting with Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, UN System Coordination and Programme Results at UN-Women, who gave a briefing on the regional 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action carried out by the Economic Commission for Europe and on the Generation Equality Forum, due to be held in Mexico and France in 2020.

11. On 30 October, the Committee had an informal meeting with Delphine O, Ambassador and Secretary-General of the Generation Equality Forum, who briefed the Committee on the process of the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

12. On 31 October, the Committee had an informal meeting with former member Ruth Kaddari, who briefed the Committee on her research on domestic violence and child custody issues, including the challenges posed by the use of the parental alienation concept in court proceedings.

13. On 1 November, the Committee held an informal meeting with the then Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Kate Gilmore, to discuss the current financial situation of OHCHR and the pushback on women's rights in the wake of the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

14. On 5 November, the Committee participated in a panel discussion on "Women's economic empowerment and the SDGs: How to close the gender gap in a rapidly changing society", organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Finland, France, Mexico and Thailand, OHCHR, UN-Women and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

15. On 6 November, the Committee and the Human Rights Committee held an informal meeting, hosted by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, under the auspices of the Geneva Human Rights Platform, to discuss issues arising under the mandates of both Committees.

## **F. Membership of the Committee**

### **Attendance at the seventy-fourth session**

16. All members attended the seventy-fourth session. The following members did not attend on the indicated dates: Tamader Al-Rammah, from 4 to 8 November; Naéla Gabr, from 5 to 8 November; and Ana Peláez Narváez, from 28 to 30 October. A list of the members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex II to part three of the present report.

## **Chapter III**

### **Report of the Chair on intersessional activities**

17. At the 1718th meeting, on 21 October 2019, the Chair presented a report on her activities since the seventy-third session.

## Chapter IV

### Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention

18. The Committee considered the reports of seven States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention and adopted the following concluding observations thereon:

Andorra	(CEDAW/C/AND/CO/4)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(CEDAW/C/BIH/CO/6)
Cambodia	(CEDAW/C/KHM/CO/6)
Iraq	(CEDAW/C/IRQ/CO/7)
Kazakhstan	(CEDAW/C/KAZ/CO/5)
Lithuania	(CEDAW/C/LTU/CO/6)
Seychelles	(CEDAW/C/SYC/CO/6)

#### Follow-up procedures relating to concluding observations

19. The Committee considered the follow-up reports received from the following States parties:

Armenia	(CEDAW/C/ARM/CO/5-6/Add.1)
Bhutan	(CEDAW/C/BTN/CO/8-9/Add.1)
Burundi	(CEDAW/C/BDI/CO/5-6/Add.1)
Germany	(CEDAW/C/DEU/CO/7-8/Add.1)
Jordan	(CEDAW/C/JOR/CO/6/Add.1)
Italy	(CEDAW/C/ITA/CO/7/Add.1)
Kuwait	(CEDAW/C/KWT/CO/5/Add.1)
Ukraine	(CEDAW/C/UKR/CO/8/Add.1)

20. The Committee sent first reminders to Barbados, Costa Rica, Montenegro, Niger, Nigeria and Thailand, the follow-up reports of which were overdue.

#### Assessment of follow-up procedure relating to concluding observations

21. The Committee adopted the assessment ([bit.ly/3azqfpW](https://bit.ly/3azqfpW)) and updated methodology (see decision 74/VIII) of the follow-up procedure relating to concluding observations presented by the Rapporteur on follow-up, in accordance with the recommendation made in the previous assessment of the follow-up procedure adopted by the Committee at its sixty-fifth session (A/72/38, part two, chap. IV). The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Rapporteur on follow-up that the follow-up procedure should be continued and that the next assessment should be made at the eighty-third session of the Committee in October and November 2022.

## Chapter V

### Activities carried out under the Optional Protocol

22. Article 12 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee is to include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Optional Protocol.

#### A. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 2 of the Optional Protocol

23. The Committee discussed activities under article 2 of the Optional Protocol on 28 October and 4 November 2019.

24. The Committee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol on its forty-fifth session ([bit.ly/2UnCyjS](https://bit.ly/2UnCyjS)).

25. The Committee adopted final decisions with regard to four individual communications submitted under article 2 of the Optional Protocol. It adopted decisions of inadmissibility in *K.I.A. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/74/D/82/2015), *K.B. v. United Kingdom* (CEDAW/C/74/D/106/2016) and *A.J. et al v. United Kingdom* (CEDAW/C/74/D/126/2018). It also adopted views finding a violation in *Ciobanu v. Republic of Moldova* (CEDAW/C/74/D/104/2016). All decisions were adopted by consensus. The Committee referred one case back to the Working Group.

#### B. Follow-up to views of the Committee on individual communications

26. The Committee was informed that the Working Group, at its forty-fifth session, had discussed the follow-up situation in each case in which the follow-up dialogue was continuing and agreed on the action to be taken. The Committee decided to close the follow-up dialogue in relation to *X and Y v. Georgia* (CEDAW/C/61/D/24/2009), with a finding of a satisfactory resolution of the recommendations contained in its views, and, *L.R. v. Republic of Moldova* (CEDAW/C/66/D/58/2013), with a finding of an unsatisfactory resolution of the recommendations contained in its views. Of the 12 cases currently under follow-up examination, four relate to the Russian Federation and one relates to each of Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Mexico, Slovakia, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania.

#### C. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 8 of the Optional Protocol

27. The Committee discussed its activities under article 8 of the Optional Protocol on 5 November. It endorsed the report of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol on its fourteenth session ([bit.ly/2JfwnrE](https://bit.ly/2JfwnrE)).

28. The Committee adopted its findings, comments and recommendations on inquiry No. 2011/4. It decided to transmit them to the State party concerned for observations within six months and to publish the report of the inquiry after the aforementioned period.

## Chapter VI

### Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

29. The secretariat informed the Committee about the status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention.

#### Action taken by the Committee under agenda item 7

##### Dates of future sessions

30. In accordance with the calendar of conferences, the following dates were confirmed for the Committee's seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions and related meetings:

Seventy-fifth session (Geneva)

- (a) As indicated in paragraph 29 of part one of the present report;

Seventy-sixth session (Geneva)

- (b) Forty-seventh session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 17–19 June 2020;
- (c) Sixteenth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol: 18 and 19 June 2020;
- (d) Seventy-sixth session: 22 June–10 July 2020;
- (e) Pre-sessional working group for the seventy-eighth session: 13–17 July 2020.

##### Reports to be considered at future sessions

31. The Committee confirmed that, at its seventy-fifth session, it would consider the reports of the States parties listed in paragraph 30 of part one of the present report and that, at its seventy-sixth session, it would consider those of Bahrain (postponed from the seventy-third session), Denmark, Dominican Republic (under the simplified reporting procedure), Gabon, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mongolia (under the simplified reporting procedure) and Panama (under the simplified reporting procedure).

## Chapter VII

### Implementation of article 21 of the Convention

#### Working group on working methods

32. The working group met twice during the session. It discussed the word limit for additional answers provided in writing by States parties following the constructive dialogue (see decision 74/III) and rescheduling the coordination meeting of country task forces (see decision 74/IV), and submitted draft decisions on those matters to the Committee.

#### Working group on the Convention, UN-Women and the Sustainable Development Goals

33. The working group met twice during the session to finalize a draft guidance note for States parties for the preparation of reports under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (see decision 74/II).

34. The working group continued its discussion on a written contribution by the Committee to the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It decided to recommend that the Committee postpone the adoption of the document until the seventy-fifth session of the Committee (see decision 74/VI).

#### Working group on cooperation with national human rights institutions

35. The working group met on three occasions during the session. The Chair of the working group briefed the members on steps taken since the previous session to finalize a guidance note on the Committee's cooperation with national human rights institutions (see decision 74/I). The Chair underlined the value of the input received during the drafting process from representatives of the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section of OHCHR and the secretariat of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

#### Working group on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration

36. The working group met twice during the session and discussed the timeline for preparing the draft general recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, and the structure and content of the draft annotated outline prepared by the consultant. The Chair of the working group informed the members about the preparations for the regional expert meeting in Cairo later in 2019 and about planned regional consultations in Vienna in January 2020 and in Panama City in April 2020. The working group discussed the possibility of organizing further regional consultations or expert meetings.



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**Chapter VIII****Provisional agenda for the seventy-fifth session**

33. At its 1746th meeting, on 8 November 2019, the Committee considered and approved the draft provisional agenda for its seventy-fifth session.

## **Chapter IX**

### **Adoption of the report**

34. At its 1746th meeting, on 8 November 2019, the Committee considered and adopted, as orally amended, the draft report on its seventy-fourth session.

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**Annex****Documents before the Committee at its  
seventy-fourth session**

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<i>Document number</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/74/1</a>	Annotated provisional agenda
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/74/2</a>	Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>Reports of States parties</b>	
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/AND/4</a>	Fourth periodic report of Andorra
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/BIH/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/KHM/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Cambodia
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/IRQ/7</a>	Seventh periodic report of Iraq
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/KAZ/5</a>	Fifth periodic report of Kazakhstan
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/LTU/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Lithuania
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/SYC/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Seychelles

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**Part Three**

**Report of the Committee on the Elimination of  
Discrimination against Women on its seventy-fifth session**

**10–28 February 2020**

## Chapter I

### Decisions adopted by the Committee

#### Decision 75/I

On 27 February 2020, the Committee adopted its contribution to the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (see decisions 73/VI and 74/VI), entitled “Beijing+25: Women as leading forces of change”, and decided to present it during the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, scheduled to be held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2020.

#### Decision 75/II

On 27 February 2020, the Committee adopted a statement on the occasion of the second anniversary of the participation of detained Saudi women human rights defender Loujain Al-Hathloul in the Committee’s consideration of the combined third and fourth periodic reports of Saudi Arabia on 27 February 2018 during the sixty-ninth session of the Committee ([bit.ly/3cLuxML](https://bit.ly/3cLuxML)).

#### Decision 75/III

In accordance with its paper on the Committee’s cooperation with national human rights institutions (see decision 74/I), the Committee decided to offer, during a pilot phase, such institutions with A-status, at their request, the opportunity to present a statement not exceeding five minutes during the dialogue with the State party concerned, following the introductory statement by the head of the State party’s delegation. The latter will have the opportunity to respond during the dialogue with the Committee on the respective articles of the Convention. It also decided that the statement of the national human rights institution shall be shared with the Committee the day before the dialogue and that the State party shall be informed of this new procedure.

#### Decision 75/IV

The Committee decided to ask the secretariat to circulate requests from other treaty bodies for input by the Committee to draft lists of issues prior to reporting to the country rapporteur, country task force members and other concerned Committee members. It also decided to ask the secretariat to compile and transmit comments and suggested amendments from such Committee members to the treaty body concerned.

#### Decision 75/V

The Committee asked the secretariat to convene a briefing in Geneva in mid-May 2020 for States parties on the Committee’s draft general recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration and to ensure that the briefing is webcast live.

#### Decision 75/VI

The Committee confirmed the members of the pre-sessional working group for the seventy-seventh session: Hiroko Akizuki, Gunnar Bergby, Rhoda Reddock, Elgun Safarov and Franceline Toé-Bouda.

## Chapter II

### Organizational and other matters

#### A. States parties to the Convention and to the Optional Protocol

1. As at 28 February 2020, the closing date of the seventy-fifth session of the Committee, the ratification status of the Convention (189 States parties) and the number of States parties having accepted the amendment to article 20 (1) of the Convention concerning the meeting time of the Committee (80) were as they were on 8 November 2019, the closing date of the seventy-fourth session.
2. The ratification status of the Optional Protocol to the Convention (113 States parties) was as it was on 8 November, the closing date of the seventy-fourth session.

#### B. Opening of the session

3. The seventy-fifth session of the Committee was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 February 2020. The Committee held 20 plenary meetings and 10 meetings to discuss agenda items 5 to 8. A list of the documents before the Committee is contained in annex I to part three of the present report.
4. At the 1747th meeting, on 10 February, the session was opened by the Chair.

#### C. Adoption of the agenda

5. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda ([CEDAW/C/75/1](#)) at its 1747th meeting, on 10 February.

#### D. Report of the pre-sessional working group

6. The report of the pre-sessional working group ([CEDAW/C/PSWG/75/1](#)), which had met from 22 to 26 July 2019, was introduced by Rosario Manalo at the 1747th meeting, on 10 February 2020.

#### E. Organization of work

7. On 10 and 17 February 2020, the Committee held closed meetings, including videoconferences, with representatives of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, who provided country-specific information and information on the efforts of those bodies in support of the implementation of the Convention.
8. The Committee also held informal public meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, who provided information about the implementation of the Convention in the States parties, the reports of which the Committee considered at its seventy-fifth session.
9. On 10 February, the Committee held a videoconference with Lopa Banerjee, Director of the Civil Society Division and Head of the Fund for Generation Equality Secretariat at UN-Women, and Sarah Hendricks, Director of the Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division at UN-Women, who briefed the Committee on the preparatory work for, and opportunities for the Committee to engage with, the Generation Equality Forum, due to be held in Mexico and France in 2020.

10. On 25 February, Bandana Rana, in her capacity as Vice-Chair represented the Committee on the high-level panel of the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995). The theme of the high-level panel discussion was “Accelerating the commitments of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action”.

## **F. Membership of the Committee**

### **Attendance at the seventy-fifth session**

11. All members attended the seventy-fifth session, with the exception of Louiza Chalal. The following members did not attend on the indicated dates: Tamader Al-Rammah, on 10 February 2020; Hilary Gbedemah, from 19 to 21 February; and Aicha Vall Verges, on 21 February. A list of the members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex II to part three of the present report.

## **Chapter III**

### **Report of the Chair on intersessional activities**

12. At the 1747th meeting, on 10 February 2020, the Chair presented a report on her activities since the seventy-fourth session.



## Chapter IV

### Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention

13. The Committee considered the reports of eight States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention and adopted the following concluding observations thereon:

Afghanistan	(CEDAW/C/AFG/CO/3)
Bulgaria	(CEDAW/C/BGR/CO/8)
Eritrea	(CEDAW/C/ERI/CO/6)
Kiribati	(CEDAW/C/KIR/CO/1-3)
Latvia	(CEDAW/C/LVA/CO/4-7)
Pakistan	(CEDAW/C/PAK/CO/5)
Republic of Moldova	(CEDAW/C/MDA/CO/6)
Zimbabwe	(CEDAW/C/ZWE/CO/6)

#### Follow-up procedures relating to concluding observations

14. The Committee considered the follow-up reports received from the following States parties:

Federated States of Micronesia	(CEDAW/C/FSM/CO/1-3/Add.1)
Israel	(CEDAW/C/ISR/FCO/6)
Monaco	(CEDAW/C/MCO/FCO/1-3)
Norway	(CEDAW/C/NOR/FCO/9)
Romania	(CEDAW/C/ROU/CO/7-8/Add.1)
Singapore	(CEDAW/C/SGP/FCO/5)
Sri Lanka	(CEDAW/C/LKA/CO/8/Add.1)

15. The Committee sent first reminders to Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kenya, Nauru, Oman and Paraguay, the follow-up reports of which were overdue. The Rapporteur on follow-up met representatives of Ireland and Nigeria, the follow-up reports of which were overdue.

16. On 18 February, Nicole Ameline, Naéla Gabr, Elgun Safarov and the secretariat briefed the Committee on the technical follow-up visit they had undertaken to the State of Palestine from 10 to 15 November 2019, at the invitation of UN-Women and in cooperation with the Ramallah Office of OHCHR, to provide the State party with technical advice to implement the recommendations contained in the concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of the State of Palestine (CEDAW/C/PSE/CO/1).

## Chapter V

### Activities carried out under the Optional Protocol

17. Article 12 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee is to include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Optional Protocol.

#### A. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 2 of the Optional Protocol

18. The Committee discussed activities under article 2 of the Optional Protocol on 17, 24, 26 and 28 February 2020.

19. The Committee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol on its forty-sixth session ([bit.ly/2vafDOZ](https://bit.ly/2vafDOZ)).

20. The Committee adopted final decisions with regard to seven individual communications submitted under article 2 of the Optional Protocol. It discontinued its consideration of *C.E.R. v. Argentina* (CEDAW/C/75/D/63/2013) and *F.H.A. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/75/D/108/2016). It also adopted three decisions of inadmissibility, in *Z.A. and K.T. v. Denmark* (CEDAW/C/75/D/108/2016), *R.R. and M.R. v. Finland* (CEDAW/C/75/D/111/2017) and *G.M.N.F. et al v. the Netherlands* (CEDAW/C/75/D/117/2017), and views finding violations in *S.N. and E.R. v. North Macedonia* (CEDAW/C/75/D/107/2016), *L.A. et al v. North Macedonia* (CEDAW/C/75/D/110/2016), *O.N. and D.P. v. Russian Federation* (CEDAW/C/75/D/119/2017) and *S.F.M. v. Spain* (CEDAW/C/75/D/138/2018). All decisions were adopted by consensus, with the exception of the views in *S.N. and E.R. v. North Macedonia* and *L.A. et al v. North Macedonia*, in relation to each of which one member appended a dissenting opinion.

#### B. Follow-up to views of the Committee on individual communications

21. The Committee was informed that the Working Group, at its forty-sixth session, had discussed the follow-up situation in each case where the follow-up dialogue was continuing and agreed on the action to be taken. Of the 13 cases currently under follow-up examination, four relate to the Russian Federation and one relates to each of Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania.

#### C. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising under article 8 of the Optional Protocol

22. The Committee discussed its activities under article 8 of the Optional Protocol on 25 February 2020. It endorsed the report of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol on its fifteenth session ([bit.ly/33hMBd7](https://bit.ly/33hMBd7)).

23. The Committee adopted the following decisions:

(a) In relation to inquiry No. 2016/1, to designate Bandana Rana as additional member to conduct the inquiry together with Gunnar Bergby and Rosario Manalo;

(b) In relation to submission No. 2019/1, to request additional information from the sources of information;

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(c) In relation to submission No. 2019/2, having conducted a preliminary assessment of the information received under article 8 of the Optional Protocol, not to invite the State party concerned to submit observations with regard to the information concerned.

## **Chapter VI**

### **Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee**

24. The secretariat informed the Committee about the status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention.

#### **Action taken by the Committee under agenda item 7**

##### **Dates of future sessions**

25. In accordance with the calendar of conferences, the following dates were confirmed for the Committee's seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions and related meetings:

Seventy-sixth session (Geneva)

- (a) As indicated in paragraph 30 of part two of the present report;

Seventy-seventh session (Geneva)

- (b) Forty-eighth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 14–16 October 2020;
- (c) Seventeenth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol: 15 and 16 October 2020;
- (d) Seventy-seventh session: 19 October–6 November 2020;
- (e) Pre-sessional working group for the seventy-ninth session: 9–13 November 2020.

##### **Reports to be considered at future sessions**

26. The Committee confirmed that, at its seventy-sixth session, it would consider the reports of the States parties listed in paragraph 27 of part two of the present report and that, at its seventy-seventh session, it would consider those of Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Uruguay and Yemen.

## Chapter VII

### Implementation of article 21 of the Convention

#### Working group on working methods

27. The working group met twice during the session. It discussed giving national human rights institutions with A-status the opportunity, upon request, to make statements during the dialogue of the Committee with the State party concerned (see decision 75/III) and the process for handling requests from other treaty bodies for input by the Committee to draft lists of issues prior to reporting (see decision 75/IV), and submitted draft decisions on those matters to the Committee.

#### Working group on the Convention, UN-Women and the Sustainable Development Goals

28. The working group met on three occasions during the session and finalized and submitted to the Committee for adoption a draft written contribution to the 25-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (see decision 75/I). The working group recommended that the document be presented during the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, due to be held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2020.

#### Working group on gender-based violence against women

29. The newly constituted working group met twice during the session. Comprising Hiroko Akizuki, Nicole Ameline, Marion Bethel, Naéla Gabr, Nahla Haidar, Lia Nadaraia, Aruna Devi Narain, Ana Peláez Narváez, Bandana Rana, Rhoda Reddock, Elgun Safarov, Wenyan Song, Genoveva Tisheva and Franceline Toé-Bouda, it elected Ms. Tisheva as its Chair. The working group decided to devise comprehensive guidance for States parties, including a checklist for the submission to the Committee of their reports on the implementation of their obligations and their accountability as set out in general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19. The Chair of the working group asked its members to indicate their respective thematic areas of interest in relation to the checklist and circulated a tentative list of topics for initial contributions.

#### Working group on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration

30. The working group met twice during the session and reviewed the draft general recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration prepared by the consultant. The working group discussed the timeline for posting the draft general recommendation on the website of OHCHR with a view to inviting comments from stakeholders and for adopting the draft general recommendation. The Chair of the working group informed members about the preparations for a regional expert meeting in Panama City and the possible organization of additional regional expert meetings in the first half of 2020.

## **Chapter VIII**

### **Provisional agenda for the seventy-sixth session**

31. At its 1776th meeting, on 28 February 2020, the Committee considered and approved the draft provisional agenda for its seventy-sixth session.

## **Chapter IX**

### **Adoption of the report**

32. At its 1776th meeting, on 28 February 2020, the Committee considered and adopted, as orally amended, the draft report on its seventy-fifth session.

**Annex I****Documents before the Committee at its seventy-fifth session**

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<i>Document number</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/75/1</a>	Annotated provisional agenda
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/75/2</a>	Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>Reports of States parties</b>	
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/AFG/3</a>	Third periodic report of Afghanistan
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/BGR/8</a>	Eighth periodic report of Bulgaria
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/ERI/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Eritrea
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/KIR/1-3</a>	Combined initial to third periodic reports of Kiribati
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/LVA/4-7</a>	Combined fourth to seventh periodic reports of Latvia
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/PAK/5</a>	Fifth periodic report of Pakistan
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/MDA/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of the Republic of Moldova
<a href="#">CEDAW/C/ZWE/6</a>	Sixth periodic report of Zimbabwe

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## Annex II

## Membership of the Committee as at 28 February 2020

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Gladys Acosta Vargas (Vice-Chair)	Peru	2022
Hiroko Akizuki	Japan	2022
Tamader Al-Rammah	Saudi Arabia	2022
Nicole Ameline (Vice-Chair)	France	2020
Gunnar Bergby	Norway	2020
Marion Bethel	Bahamas	2020
Louiza Chalal	Algeria	2022
Esther Eghobamien-Msheliaa	Nigeria	2020
Naéla Mohamed Gabr	Egypt	2022
Hilary Gbedemah (Chair)	Ghana	2020
Nahla Haidar	Lebanon	2020
Dalia Leinarte	Lithuania	2020
Rosario G. Manalo	Philippines	2020
Lia Nadaraia (Rapporteur)	Georgia	2022
Aruna Devi Narain	Mauritius	2022
Ana Peláez Narváez	Spain	2022
Bandana Rana (Vice-Chair)	Nepal	2020
Rhoda Reddock	Trinidad and Tobago	2022
Elgun Safarov	Azerbaijan	2022
Wenyan Song	China	2020
Genoveva Tisheva	Bulgaria	2022
Franceline Toé-Bouda	Burkina Faso	2022
Aicha Vall Verges	Mauritania	2020

<sup>a</sup> See [A/73/38](#), part three, para. 11.