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against Women**

Forty-fourth session

20 July – 7 August 2009

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Annotations

Item 1

Opening of the session

The forty-fourth 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 forty-third session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its forty-fourth session.

Item 3

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the forty-third and forty-fourth 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.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2009/II/1)

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 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.

At its forty-fourth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the sixth periodic report of Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/6); the fourth periodic report of Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/4); the seventh periodic report of Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/7); the seventh periodic report of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/7); the combined initial to sixth periodic reports of Guinea Bissau (CEDAW/C/GNB/6); the sixth periodic report of Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/6); the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Lao People's Democratic Republic; the combined initial to sixth periodic reports of Liberia (CEDAW/C/LBR/6); the sixth periodic report of Spain (CEDAW/C/ESP/6); the third periodic report of Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/3); the initial periodic report of Timor Leste (CEDAW/C/TLS/1); and the combined initial to second periodic reports of Tuvalu (CEDAW/C/TUV/2).

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.

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 forty-fourth 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/2009/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 States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the forty-fourth session met in Geneva from 10 to 14 November 2008. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee.

Documentation

Sixth periodic report of Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/6)

Fourth periodic report of Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/4)

Seventh periodic report of Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/7)

Seventh periodic report of Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/7)

Combined initial to sixth periodic reports of Guinea Bissau (CEDAW/C/GNB/6)

Sixth periodic report Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/6)

Combined sixth to seventh periodic reports of Lao People's Democratic Republic (CEDAW/C/LAO/7)

Combined initial to sixth periodic reports of Liberia (CEDAW/C/LBR/6)

Sixth periodic report of Spain (CEDAW/C/ESP/6)

Third periodic report of Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/3)

Initial periodic report of Timor Leste (CEDAW/C/TLS/1)

Combined initial to second periodic report of Tuvalu (CEDAW/C/TUV/2)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2009/II)

Lists of issues and questions

Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/Q/6)

Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/Q/4)

Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/Q/7)

Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/Q/7)

Guinea Bissau (CEDAW/C/GNB/Q/6/Rev.1)

Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/Q/6)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (CEDAW/C/LAO/Q/7)

Liberia (CEDAW/C/LBR/Q/6)

Spain (CEDAW/C/ESP/Q/6)

Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/Q/3)

Timor Leste (CEDAW/C/TLS/Q/1)

Tuvalu (CEDAW/C/TUV/Q/2)

Responses to the lists of issues and questions

Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/Q/6/Add.1)

Azerbaijan (CEDAW/C/AZE/Q/4/Add.1)

Bhutan (CEDAW/C/BTN/Q/7/Add.1)

Denmark (CEDAW/C/DEN/Q/7/Add.1)

Guinea Bissau (CEDAW/C/GNB/Q/6/Add.1)

Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/Q/6/Add.1)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (CEDAW/C/LAO/Q/7/Add.1)

Liberia (CEDAW/C/LBR/Q/6/Add.1)

Spain (CEDAW/C/ESP/Q/6/Add.1)

Switzerland (CEDAW/C/CHE/Q/3/Add.1)

Timor Leste (CEDAW/C/TLS/Q/1/Add.1)

Tuvalu (CEDAW/C/TUV/Q/2/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.

The task force on a general recommendation on article 2 will brief the Committee on progress achieved. Information will also be provided by the Chairpersons of the working groups on proposed general recommendations on the rights of older women and the economic consequences of divorce.

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 forty-fourth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2009/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/2009/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2009/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2009/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2009/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2009/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.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat (CEDAW/C/2009/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

The fifteenth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 13 to 17 July 2009.

During its forty-fourth 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 forty-fifth session of the Committee

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2010/I/1).

Item 9

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fourth session

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Monday, 20 July 2009		
887th meeting		
10 a.m.-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 forty-third and the forty-fourth 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. (<i>closed</i>)		Informal meeting with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3 p.m.-4.15 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.15-5.15 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5.15-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 21 July 2009		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
3-5 p.m.	Item 5	Informal meeting with United Nations agencies,

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
		funds and programmes, non-governmental organizations and stakeholders on a general recommendation on older women
5-6 p.m.	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 22 July 2009		
888th meeting		
		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
Chamber A		
		Spain, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/ESP/6)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Denmark, seventh periodic report (CEDAW/C/DEN/7)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
889th meeting		
Chamber A		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Spain (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Chamber B		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Denmark (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 23 July 2009		
890th meeting		

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Chamber A		
		Bhutan, seventh periodic report (CEDAW/C/BTN/7)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Japan, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/JPN/6)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
891^s meeting		
Chamber A		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Bhutan (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Chamber B		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Japan (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 24 July 2009		
892nd meeting		
Chamber A		
		Lao People's Democratic Republic, combined sixth and seventh periodic reports (CEDAW/C/LAO/7)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

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Chamber B		
		Azerbaijan, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/AZE/4)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
893rd meeting		
Chamber A		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Lao People's Democratic Republic (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Chamber B		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Azerbaijan (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 27 July 2009		
894th meeting		
Chamber A		
		Argentina, sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/ARG/6)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
Chamber B		
		Switzerland, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/CHE/3)
10-10.30 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
895th meeting		
Chamber A		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Argentina (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Chamber B		
3-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Switzerland (<i>continued</i>)
5-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 28 July 2009		
896th meeting		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 7	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with national human rights institutions
5.30 p.m.-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 29 July 2009		
897th meeting		
	Item 4	Tuvalu, combined initial and second periodic reports (CEDAW/C/TUV/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
898th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4	Tuvalu (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
	<i>(continued)</i>	
5 p.m.-6 p.m. <i>(closed)</i>	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 30 July 2009		
899th meeting		
	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Timor Leste, initial periodic report (CEDAW/C/TLS/1)
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
900th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Timor Leste <i>(continued)</i>
5 p.m.-6 p.m. <i>(closed)</i>	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 31 July 2009		
901st meeting		
	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Liberia, combined initial to sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/LBR/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
902nd meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Liberia <i>(continued)</i>
5 p.m.-6 p.m. <i>(closed)</i>	Item 4 <i>(continued)</i>	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 3 August 2009		

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
903rd meeting		
	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Guinea Bissau, combined initial to sixth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/GNB/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
904th meeting		
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Guinea Bissau (<i>continued</i>)
5 p.m.-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 4 August 2009		
10 a.m.-12 a.m.	Item 5	Informal meeting with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, non-governmental organisations and stakeholders on a general recommendation on economic consequences of divorce
12 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 5 August 2009		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 6 August 2009		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
3 p.m.-6 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 7 August 2009		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Working Group of the Whole
3-4 p.m. (<i>closed</i>)	Items 5, 6 and 7	Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole

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905th meeting		
4-6 p.m.	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fourth session
