

REPORT UN REPRESENTATIVE FOR CEDAW 2022

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81 Session (07 Feb 2022 - 25 Feb 2022)

The Committee held its eighty-first session at Geneva from 7 to 25 February 2022. The session was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Gladys Acosta Vargas, on 7 February 2022.

On 7 and 14 February 2022, the Committee held remote informal closed meetings with representatives of specialized agencies and United Nations funds and programmes, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, during which country-specific information was provided, as well as information on the efforts made by those bodies to support the implementation of the Convention.

Also on 7 and 14 February 2022, the Committee held remote 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 considered by the Committee at its eighty-first session.

At its eighty-first session, the Committee considered the reports of eight States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention: the eighth periodic report of the Dominican Republic, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure; the seventh periodic report of Gabon; the sixth periodic report of Lebanon; the eighth periodic report of Panama, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure; the ninth periodic report of Peru; the eighth periodic report of Senegal; the combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of Uganda; and the sixth periodic report of Uzbekistan.

82 Session (13 Jun 2022 - 01 Jul 2022)

The Committee held its eighty-second session at Geneva from 13 June to 1 July 2022. The session was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Gladys Acosta Vargas, on 13 June 2022.

On 13 and 20 June 2022, the Committee held informal closed meetings with representatives of specialized agencies and United Nations funds and programmes, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, during which country-specific information was provided, as well as information on the efforts made by those bodies to support the implementation of the Convention.

Also on 13 and 20 June, the Committee 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 considered by the Committee at its eighty-second session.

On 27 June, the Regional Networks of Indigenous Women, FIMI, MADRE and OHCHR (through the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples) co-hosted a high-level dialogue with the Committee. The event was opened by Ms. Tarcila Rivera Zea, President of FIMI. The Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Paulo David, delivered introductory remarks. His Excellency Ambassador Paul Bekkers, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, briefed the participants on national level implementation of the rights of indigenous women and girls. A representative of the Permanent Mission of Canada spoke on ways for States parties to promote

the participation of indigenous women and girls in United Nations processes. Indigenous women representatives from seven regions and Committee members also made interventions.

On 28 June, an informal briefing for States parties to the Convention was convened to brief them on the draft general recommendation No. 39 on the rights of indigenous women and girls. Vice-Chair Nahla Haidar opened the meeting. The Chief of the OHCHR Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, OHCHR, Paulo David, delivered introductory remarks. Two indigenous women representatives, Eleanor Dictaan-Bang-oa and Sara Mux, delivered statements. The vice-chair of the working group of the Committee on indigenous women and girls, Leticia Bonifaz Alfonzo, introduced the draft general recommendation. The following 15 States parties to the Convention attended the informal briefing and made statements: Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Spain and Ukraine. The following twelve States parties also attended the briefing: Azerbaijan, Canada, Germany, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation and South Africa.

On 29 June, the Committee informally met with the Human Rights Committee to exchange on the jurisprudence and work of both Committees in relation to the rights of indigenous women and girls. The informal meeting was hosted by the Geneva Human Rights Platform.

On 1 July, the Committee held an informal closed meeting with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, to discuss the situation of women rights globally and bid her farewell.

At its eighty-second session, the Committee considered the reports of eight States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention: the sixth periodic report of Azerbaijan; the seventh periodic report of Bolivia; the tenth periodic report of Mongolia, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure; the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Morocco; the sixth periodic report of Namibia; the tenth periodic report of Portugal; the eighth periodic report of Türkiye; and the fourth periodic report of United Arab Emirates.

83 Session (10 Oct 2022 - 28 Oct 2022)

The Committee held its eighty-third session at Geneva from 10 to 28 October 2022. The session was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Gladys Acosta Vargas, on 10 October 2022.

On 10 and 17 October 2022, the Committee held informal closed meetings with representatives of specialized agencies and United Nations funds and programmes during which country-specific information was provided, as well as information on the efforts made by those bodies to support the implementation of the Convention.

Also on 10 and 17 October, the Committee 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 considered by the Committee at its eighty-third session.

On 10 October, the Committee held an informal meeting with the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls to discuss common priorities and future cooperation between both bodies.

On 25 October, the Committee held an informal meeting with States parties to highlight the 40th anniversary of the Committee and the imminent adoption of general recommendation No. 39 (2022) on the rights of indigenous women and girls. The meeting also discussed the work of the Committee in monitoring the situation of women and girls in armed conflict through the

State reporting procedure and specific task forces and the global pushback against women's rights. The meeting further discussed the application of the simplified reporting procedure as the default procedure of the Committee for the consideration of State party reports, increased accessibility of its work for persons with disabilities, as well as the need for additional resources for treaty body strengthening, including a predictable eight-year calendar for full reviews of State party reports. 55 States parties attended the meeting. The following 10 States parties made interventions: Argentina, China, Colombia, Cuba, Finland, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mexico, Peru and the Russian Federation.

Also on 25 October, the Committee participated in a side event to mark the 40th anniversary of the Committee, hosted by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Bulgaria's adherence to the Convention. Her Excellency Iliana Yotova, Vice-President of Bulgaria, delivered welcoming remarks by video message. His Excellency Kostadin Kodzhabashev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, and Andrea Ori, Chief of the Groups in Focus Section, OHCHR, opened the side event. Committee members Hiroko Akizuki, Nicole Ameline and Hilary Gbedemah participated in the panel discussion, moderated by Aruna Devi Narain, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee, which took stock of achievements of the Committee over the past 40 years and considered good practices, gaps, challenges and the role of civil society in the implementation of the Convention.

On 26 October, the Committee held an informal closed meeting with Inkeri von Hase, Global Coordinator, Making Migration Safe for Women, UN Women, and Adriana Quinones, Director, UN Women Liaison Office in Geneva, who briefed the Committee on the Recommended guidelines on the protection of women human rights defenders at risk in migration contexts.

On 28 October, the Committee held an informal closed meeting with Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura, Secretary-General of FIFA, to discuss the role of women in football.

At its eighty-third session, the Committee considered the reports of eight States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention: the seventh periodic report of Armenia; the eighth periodic report of Belgium, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure; the eighth periodic report of Finland; the sixth periodic report of the Gambia; the ninth periodic report of Honduras; the combined fifth to ninth periodic reports of Saint Kitts and Nevis; the sixth periodic report of Switzerland, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure; and the ninth periodic report of Ukraine, submitted under the simplified reporting procedure.

Next Session, the 84th.

During this session, from 6 to 24 February 2023 in Geneva, the Committee will consider reports from the following countries: Hungary, Georgia, Norway, Tunisia, Bahrain, Mauritania, Slovenia and Costa Rica.