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Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women

Bangladesh, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kenya, New Zealand,  
Sweden and United Kingdom

Revised structure for article 12: Rural women

1. Each State Party shall take into account the particular problems faced by rural women and the significant roles they play in the economic survival of their families, including their work in the non-monetized sectors of the economy, and shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the application of the provisions of this Convention to women in rural areas.
2. Each State Party shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in rural areas in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, participation in and benefits from rural development and, in particular, the right:
  - (a) To participate fully in the formulation and implementation of development planning at all levels;
  - (b) To have access to adequate health care facilities, including information, counselling and services in family planning, as well as personal rights to social security;
  - (c) To obtain all types of training and education, formal and non-formal, including functional literacy, as well as the benefit of all community and extension services, inter alia, to increase their technical proficiency;
  - (d) To organize self-help groups and co-operatives in order to obtain equal access to economic opportunities through employment and self-employment;
  - (e) To participate in all community activities;

(f) To obtain access to agricultural credit and loans, marketing facilities, appropriate technologies and equal treatment in land and agrarian reform as well as in land resettlement schemes;

(g) To enjoy adequate living conditions, particularly in relation to housing, sanitation, electricity and water supply, transport and communications.

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