Proposal submitted by Sweden

Article 23

1. The States Parties shall, not later than 20 months after the entry into force of the present Convention for States Parties concerned, and thereafter every fourth year or at such longer intervals as the Committee may decide, submit, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, reports to the Committee on the compliance with their obligations under the present Convention, including relevant legislation. Such reports may among other things indicate factors and difficulties affecting the degree of fulfilment of such obligations.

2. The States Parties shall fulfill their reporting obligations in stages to be established by the Committee within nine months after the entry into force of the Convention.

3. The Committee shall consider reports submitted to it under 0.1.

4. The Committee may request further information from the States Parties relating to their obligations, and shall prepare such observations as it may deem appropriate for transmission to the States Parties concerned.

5. The Committee may decide that a State Party, which has completed a full reporting cycle covering all its substantive obligations under the Convention, may limit its further reporting to changes (legal, administrative and in practice) affecting its obligations, and to such questions relating to the obligations of the State Party concerned, which may have been indicated by the Committee.

6. The Committee may make arrangements with the specialized agencies of the United Nations and with non-governmental organizations in consultative status.
with the Economic and Social Council in order to receive their views on the observance of the provisions of the Convention falling within the scope of their respective activities.

7. States Parties may submit to the Committee their own comments to any observations concerning them by the Committee or by agencies or non-governmental organizations mentioned in paragraph 6.

8. Reports on the activities of the Committee shall be submitted to the General Assembly biennially. They shall include any observations made under paragraphs 4 and 6 and any comments under paragraph 7.

9. The States Parties shall keep their reports available to national non-governmental organizations. The Committee shall encourage the distribution of information on the Convention and its implementation by the States Parties.