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Paragraph 1: Measures at the national
level

The States Parties undertake to adopt measures at the national level, including the establishment of machinery and procedures, aimed at achieving the full realization of the rights recognized in the present Convention.

Paragraph 3: Body to consider progress
in implementing the
Convention: Ad Hoc Group

For the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the present Convention by the States Parties, the Commission on the Status of Women shall establish an ad hoc Group consisting of 10 to 15 persons. The Group shall be elected by the Commission from among its own members who are States Parties to the Convention and from an additional list of persons nominated by States Parties to the Convention who are not members of the Commission, consideration being given to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and representation of differing legal systems. Those elected to the Group shall serve in their personal capacity and shall be elected for a two-year term.

Amendment proposed by Norway
A/32/218/Add.1, p. 10

Insert after the words "Commission on the Status of Women" the words "or other body under the Economic and Social Council that the Parties to the Convention may nominate". Subsequent mention of the Commission on the Status of Women should be supplemented by "or other relevant body under the Economic and Social Council."

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Paragraph 1: Measures at the national
level

The States Parties undertake to adopt measures at the national level, including the establishment of procedures, aimed at achieving the full realization of the rights recognized in the present Convention.

Paragraph 2: Body to consider progress
in implementing the
Convention: Committee

(a) For the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the present Convention a Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall be established (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) consisting of eighteen experts of high moral standing and competence in the field covered by this Convention, elected by States Parties from among their nationals, who shall serve in their personal capacity, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of the different forms of civilization as well as the principal legal systems;

Subamendment proposed by the
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya:

Replace the words "eighteen experts" between the words "consisting of" and the words "of high moral standing and competence" by the words "twenty-three experts."

Paragraph 2(b): Election of members of
the Committee

The members of the Committee shall be elected by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by the States Parties. Each State Party may nominate one person from among its own nationals:

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Paragraph 2(c) Election of members of
the Committee

The initial election shall be held six months after the date of the entry into force of this Convention. At least three months before the date of each election the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall address a letter to the States Parties inviting them to submit their nominations within two months. The Secretary-General shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all persons thus nominated, indicating the States Parties which have nominated them, and shall submit it to the States Parties;

Paragraph 2(d) Election of members of
the Committee

Elections of the members of the Committee shall be held at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters. At that meeting, for which two thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum, the persons elected to the Committee shall be those nominees who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the votes of the representatives of States Parties present and voting:

Paragraph 2(e) Election of members of
the Committee

The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years. However, the terms of nine of the members elected at the first election shall expire at the end of two years; immediately after the first election the names of these nine members shall be chosen by lot by the Chairman of the Committee;

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Paragraph 2(f) Election of members of
the Committee

For the filling of casual vacancies, the State Party whose expert has ceased to function as a member of the Committee shall appoint another expert from among its nationals, subject to the approval of the Committee;

Paragraph 2(g) Expenses of members of
the Committee

States Parties shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee while they are in performance of Committee duties.

Paragraph 3: Procedure and service of
the Committee

- (a) The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure;
- (b) The Committee shall elect its own officers for a term of two years;
- (c) The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Paragraph 4: Meetings of the Ad Hoc Group

The Ad Hoc Group shall normally meet for a period of not more than two weeks before the opening of the regular session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to consider the reports submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

Paragraph 5: Meetings of the Committee

The Committee shall normally meet for a period of not more than two weeks annually to consider the reports submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 above.

Paragraph 3(d): Meetings of the Committee

The meetings of the Committee shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters or at any other convenient place as determined by the Committee.

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Paragraph 5: Report of the Ad Hoc Group
to the superior body on its
activities

The ad hoc Group shall report to the Commission on the Status of Women on its activities and may make general recommendations based on the examination of the reports from the States Parties. The Commission shall transmit the report of the Group, together with its own comments, to the Economic and Social Council.

Paragraph 6: Report of Committee to the
superior body on its activities

(a) The Committee shall, through the Economic and Social Council, report annually to the General Assembly on its activities and, on the basis of the examination of the reports from the States Parties, may make suggestions and general recommendations, including recommendations on the advisability of measures likely to contribute to the effective progressive implementation of the present Convention;

(b) The Secretary-General shall transmit the reports of the Committee to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Subamendment to paragraph 6 proposed
by Australia

Add additional sentence to the end of the paragraph: "States Parties comment, if any, on the suggestions and recommendations put forward by the Committee shall also be reported to the General Assembly."

Paragraph 2: Reports on implementation
of the Convention

(a) Every two years following the entry into force of the present Convention, the States Parties undertake to submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations reports on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the Convention; reports may indicate factors and difficulties affecting the degree of fulfillment of obligations under the Convention;

Paragraph 4: Report on implementation
of the Convention

States Parties undertake to submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures which they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and on the progress made in this respect:

(a) within one year after the entry into force for the State concerned; and

(b) thereafter every four years and whenever the Committee so requests.

Reports may indicate factors and difficulties affecting the degree of fulfillment of obligations under the Convention.

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Amendment to paragraph 2(a) proposed
by New Zealand
A/32/218, para. 15⁴

Substitute the word "shall" for the word
"may".

(b) In preparing their reports, the
States Parties shall make use of national
machinery established to promote the
advancement of women and of appropriate
non-governmental organizations;

(c) The States Parties shall furnish
their reports in stages, in accordance
with a programme to be established by
the ad hoc Group set up under this
article after consultation with the
States Parties and the specialized
agencies concerned.

Paragraph 7: Reports on the implementation
of the Convention

The Economic and Social Council shall
submit periodically to the United Nations
General Assembly reports with recommenda-
tions of a general nature and a summary
of the information received from the
States Parties to the present Convention
and the specialized agencies on the measures
taken and the progress made in achieving full
observance of the rights recognized in the
present Convention.

Paragraph 8: Reports on the implementation
of the Convention

The Economic and Social Council may
bring to the attention of other organs of
the United Nations, their subsidiary organs
and specialized agencies concerned with
furnishing technical assistance any matters
arising out of the reports referred to in
this part of the present Convention, which
may assist such organs in deciding, each
within its field of competence, on the
advisability of international measures likely

Subamendment to paragraph 4 proposed
by Australia

Insert new penultimate sentence:
"The Committee may request further
information from the States Parties."

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to contribute to the effective pro-
gressive implementation of the present
Convention.

Paragraph 6: Role of specialized agencies

Specialized agencies shall be entitled
to be represented at different stages of the
consideration of the implementation of such
provisions of the present Convention as fall
within the scope of their activities. They
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Paragraph 7: Role of specialized agencies

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