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Chart containing the original version of the Commission on the Status of Women with amendments proposed to it, 1/ the Swedish proposal with amendments proposed to it 2/ and the proposal by Ecuador. 3/

* Following a suggestion made by the Chairman after consultation with delegations.

1/ Source: A/C.3/34/WG.1/CRP.1, pp. 7-10.

2/ Source: A/C.3/34/WG.1/CRP.2/Add.2.

3/ Source: A/C.3/34/WG.1/CRP.2/Add.5 and text prepared by the representative of Ecuador.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 1:</u></p> <p>Measures at the national level</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 1:</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 1:</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 3:</u></p> <p>Body to consider progress in implementing the Convention</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 2:</u></p> <p>(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;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Amendment proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya:</u></p> <p>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."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 3:</u></p> <p>For the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the present Convention, an ad hoc Working Group of the Economic and Social Council shall be established, consisting of 23 States being Parties to the Convention and members of the Council. In the composition of the ad hoc Group, account shall be taken of the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the representation of differing socio-economic and legal systems.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Amendment proposed by Norway A/32/218/Add.1, p. 10</u></p> <p>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</p>		

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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."

(b) 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:

(c) 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;

(d) 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;

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election of members of body	<p>(e) 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;</p> <p>(f) 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;</p>	
Expenses	<p>(g) States Parties shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee while they are in performance of Committee duties.</p>	
Functioning and service of the body	<p><u>Paragraph 3:</u></p> <p>(a) The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure;</p> <p>(b) The Committee shall elect its own officers for a term of two years;</p> <p>(c) The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;</p>	
Meetings of the body	<p><u>Paragraph 4: Ad Hoc Group</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Paragraph 5:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Paragraph 4:</u></p> <p>The Ad Hoc Group shall normally meet annually for a period of not more than two weeks during the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council, to consider reports submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 above.</p>

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Meetings of the body, (cont.)	<u>Paragraph 3(d):</u> The meetings of the Committee shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters or at any other convenient place as determined by the Committee.	
Reports on Implementation of the Convention	<u>Paragraph 4:</u> 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.	<u>Paragraph 2:</u> 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 Economic and Social Council so requests. Reports may indicate factors and difficulties affecting the degree of fulfillment of obligations under the Convention
	<u>Amendment to paragraph 2(a) proposed by New Zealand</u> <u>A/32/218, para. 154</u> 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;	<u>Amendment to paragraph 4 proposed by Australia</u> Insert the new penultimate sentence: "The Committee may request further information from the States Parties."

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(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:

The Economic and Social Council shall submit periodically to the United Nations General Assembly reports with recommendations 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.

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Paragraph 8:

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 matter arising out of the report referred to in this part of the present Convention, which may assist such bodies in deciding, each within its field of competence, on the advisability of international measures likely to contribute to the effective progressive implementation of the present Convention.

Paragraph 6:

The Economic and Social Council shall submit periodically to the United Nations General Assembly reports with recommendations 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.

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<p data-bbox="159 576 359 707">Report of the Body which con- siders progress in the implementa- tion of the Convention</p> <p data-bbox="369 379 827 586"><u>Paragraph 5</u> 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.</p>	<p data-bbox="880 379 1369 651"><u>Paragraph 6</u> (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;</p> <p data-bbox="880 666 1369 727">(b) The Secretary-General shall transmit the reports of the Committee to the Commission on the Status of Women.</p> <p data-bbox="880 742 1369 787"><u>Amendment to paragraph 6 proposed by by Australia</u></p> <p data-bbox="880 802 1369 908">Add additional sentence to the end of the paragraph: "States Parties comments, if any, on the suggestions and recommendations put forward by the Committee shall also be reported to the General Assembly."</p>	<p data-bbox="1402 379 1860 606"><u>Paragraph 5</u> "The ad hoc Group shall report annually to the Economic and Social Council on its activities and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the reports received from States Parties, including recommendations on the advisability of measures likely to contribute to the effective progressive implementation of the present Convention."</p> <p data-bbox="1402 666 1860 727">"The Secretary-General shall transmit the reports of the ad hoc Group to the Commission on the Status of Women."</p>
<p data-bbox="165 1052 294 1112">Role of the specialized agencies</p> <p data-bbox="369 946 827 1183"><u>Paragraph 6</u> 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 shall be entitled to submit reports on the implementation of relevant instruments adopted by them or under their auspices.</p>	<p data-bbox="880 946 1369 1158"><u>Paragraph 7</u> Specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented at the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the present Convention as fall within the scope of their activities. They shall be entitled to submit reports on the implementation of relevant instruments adopted under their auspices.</p>	<p data-bbox="1402 946 1860 1158"><u>Paragraph 7</u> Specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented at the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the present Convention as fall within the scope of their activities. They shall be entitled to submit reports on the implementation of relevant instruments adopted under their auspices.</p>