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WORKING GROUP ON A NEW INSTRUMENT
OR INSTRUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN

Item 4 of the Agenda

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

EGYPT, NIGERIA, ZAIRE: Draft Proposals concerning the measures
of implementation of the draft convention

Part II

Article 1

1. There shall be established a Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (hereafter referred to as the Committee) consisting of 12 high moral standing and acknowledged impartiality elected by State parties from among their nationals preferably members of the Commission on the Status of Women, 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 of the principal legal systems.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 and voting.

5. (a) The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years. However, the terms of six 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 members shall be chosen by lot by the Chairman of the Committee.

(b) 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.

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

Article 2

1. 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 and which give

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effect to the provisions of this Convention: (a) within one year after the entry into force of the Convention of the State concerned; and (b) thereafter every two years, and whenever the Committee so requests. The Committee may request further information from the States parties.

(a) "Where relevant information has previously been furnished to the United Nations or to any specialized agency by any State party to this Convention, it will not be necessary to reproduce that information but a precise reference to the information so furnished will suffice".

(b) Specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented at the consideration of the implementation of such provision of this 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, including particulars of decisions and recommendations on such implementation adopted by their competent organs.

3. Specialized agencies shall be able to receive copies of such parts of the reports by Governments on this Convention as fall within the scope of their activities.

4. The Committee shall report annually, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly of the United Nations on its activities and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from the States parties. Such suggestions and general recommendations shall be reported to the General Assembly together with comments, if any, from States parties.
