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INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Suggested New Version of Article 21

1. 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.
2. (a) Every two years following the entry into force of the Convention, States Parties undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present Convention. Reports may indicate factors and difficulties affecting the degree of fulfilment of obligations under the present Convention.  
(b) In preparing their reports States Parties shall make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of national non-governmental organizations, including women's organization.  
(c) States Parties shall furnish their reports in stages, in accordance with a programme to be established after consultation with the States Parties and the specialized agencies concerned.
3. For the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the 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 who are not members of the Commission, consideration being given to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and representation of differing legal systems. The members of the Group shall serve in their personal capacity and shall be elected every two years.

4. 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 para. 2 above and submit its report to the Commission on the Status of Women for its consideration.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The Economic and Social Council may submit from time to time to the 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 general observance of the rights recognized in the present Convention.

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 matters arising out of the reports 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.