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INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN
DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Text of articles adopted by the Commission from 6 to 15 December

Note by the Secretariat

Article 19

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 the appropriate non-governmental organizations.
(c) 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.
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 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.

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 paragraph 2 above.

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 different stages of 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 shall submit periodically 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 full 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.

An additional article on reservations

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall receive and circulate to all States which are or may become Parties to this Convention reservations made by States at the time of ratification or accession. Any State which objects to the reservation shall, within a period of ninety days from the date of the said communication, notify the Secretary-General that it does not accept it.

2. A reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of this Convention shall not be permitted, nor shall a reservation the effect of which would inhibit the operation of the ad hoc Group established by this Convention be allowed. A reservation shall be considered incompatible or inhibitive if at least two-thirds of the States Parties to this Convention object to it.

3. Reservations may be withdrawn at any time by notification to this effect addressed to the Secretary-General. Such notification shall take effect on the date on which it is received.^{1/}

^{1/} The drafting group is to determine the place of the article in the text of the Draft Convention.