



**Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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**Meeting of States parties to the Convention on
the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

Sixteenth meeting

New York, 28 July 2010

Report of the meeting of States parties

1. The sixteenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women was called to order on 28 June 2010 by the Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York Office. The Director also presented a statement as the representative of the Secretary General to the meeting.
2. Following the Director's statement, H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Permanent Representative of Georgia, was elected Chairperson for the meeting. Bertin Babadoudou, (Benin); Sonam Tobgay (Bhutan); Léon Faber (Luxembourg); and Dessima Williams (Grenada) were elected Vice-Chairpersons. The provisional agenda (CEDAW/SP/2010/1) was adopted.
3. In accordance with article 17 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Convention, the States parties elected by secret ballot 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, of whom seven were current members proposed for re-election. The seven current members were: Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani (Algeria); Naela Mohamed Gabr (Egypt); Ruth Halperin-Kaddari (Israel); Yoko Hayashi (Japan); Violeta Neubauer (Slovenia); Pramila Patten (Mauritius); and Dubravka Šimonovic (Croatia). The new members were: Ayse Feride Acar (Turkey); Olinda Bareiro-Bobadilla (Paraguay); Ismat Jahan (Bangladesh); Maria Helena Lopes de Jesus Pires (Timor-Leste); and Patricia Schulz (Switzerland). The list of candidates and their curricula vitae are contained in documents: CEDAW/SP/2010/3; CEDAW/SP/2010/3/Add.1; and CEDAW/SP/2010/3/Add.2.
4. Eight candidates withdrew from the lists contained in the above mentioned documents prior to the elections, namely: Fadheela Al-Mahroos (Bahrain); Ahmed Al-Mukhaini (Oman); Rafiah Al Talei (Oman); Mary Shanti Dairiam (Malaysia); Matau Futho-Letsatsi (Lesotho); Samith Hou (Cambodia); Theodora Oby Nwankwo (Nigeria); Olena Suslova (Ukraine); and Judith Wirth (Hungary).
5. The meeting had before it document CEDAW/SP/21010/2, containing information on declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal

of reservations relating to the Convention, submitted in accordance with article 28 of the Convention.
