

## **Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

### **Status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention**

#### **Report of the Secretariat of the Committee**

1. Rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-submission of any report that States parties are required to submit under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. In practice, this information is provided annually.

2. Annex I to the present report contains a list of 48 States parties whose reports are due or overdue and had not been submitted as at 31 December 2011. In some cases, the Committee has modified the date of submission calculated in accordance with article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and this is reflected in the report.

3. Annex II to the present report contains a list of 13 States parties (out of the 48 States parties mentioned above) whose reports are five years or more overdue. Of these 13 States, 4 States are scheduled to be considered in the absence of a report at upcoming sessions of the Committee based upon previous decisions of the Committee (Central African Republic, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and the Solomon Islands).

4. The above overdue reports also include initial reports. Initial reports have not yet been received from the Cook Islands, Dominica<sup>1</sup>, Kiribati, Micronesia, Monaco, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, and Swaziland.

5. It is further noted that from 1 January to 31 December 2011, 30 reports were received. During the same time period, the Committee considered 23 reports. At present 42 reports are awaiting consideration by the Committee (See Annex III).

6. In March 2011, the Secretariat transmitted reminders to the Permanent Missions of 34 States parties<sup>2</sup> with overdue reports. Of the 34 States parties contacted, 11 States submitted their overdue reports, including: Afghanistan, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Qatar, Senegal and Tajikistan.

7. Reminders were sent to the following remaining States with overdue reports in January 2012: Belize, Bolivia, Cook Islands, Croatia, Eritrea, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Peru, Romania, Saint Lucia, and Viet Nam.

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<sup>1</sup> The combined initial to seventh periodic report were considered in the absence of a report at the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the Committee. The eighth periodic report was due on 31 December 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Federated States of Micronesia, Gabon, Gambia, Hungary, Iraq, Latvia, Mali, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Nicaragua, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

8. With respect to exceptional reports. The exceptional report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was due on 16 November 2010. A reminder was transmitted to the Permanent Mission dated 15 November 2011. The exceptional report of Guinea was due on 10 November 2009. Reminders were sent to the Permanent Mission dated 10 October 2010 and 16 November 2011.

### **Recommendations**

9. It is recommended that the Committee take a decision with respect to the following 5 States with overdue periodic reports of 5 years or more to submit all overdue reports within two years and failing receipt of the reports, and as a last resort, the Committee would proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in those States parties in the absence of a report (Antigua and Barbuda (4 to 6), Barbados (5 to 7), Democratic Republic of Korea (2 and 3), Saint Kitts and Nevis (5 to 7), and Trinidad and Tobago (4 to 6).

10. Moreover, the Committee may wish to provide the above States with the option of using the List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR) approach in such cases, i.e., long overdue reports. The LOIPR approach already reflects the practice of the Committee in large part regarding consideration of States parties in the absence of a report. With the LOIPR approach, however, the State party concerned can opt for the LOIPR approach instead of providing a report. In addition, with the LOIPR approach, the list of issues and replies thereto constitute the report.

11. With respect to the remaining reports that are 5 years or more overdue, which contain initial reports (Kiribati (1 and 2), San Marino (1 and 2), Sao Tome and Principe 1 and 2), and Swaziland (1 and 2), it is suggested that reminders be transmitted to the Permanent Missions requesting their overdue reports, including initial reports. It is further noted that the Committee has considered a State party in the absence of a report that had not submitted its initial report (Dominica was considered at the 43<sup>rd</sup> session). In that case, however, the report was more than 20 years overdue. The Committee may also wish to provide the above States with the LOIPR option.

## Annex I

### States parties whose reports are due and had not yet been submitted to the Committee as at 31 December 2011

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date due</i>
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	
Combined fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports	31 August 2010
<b>Barbados</b>	
Combined fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports	3 September 2007
Eighth periodic report	3 September 2011
<b>Belize</b>	
Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports	15 June 2011
<b>Bolivia</b>	
Combined fifth and sixth periodic reports	8 July 2011
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	
Combined initial and second periodic reports	23 June 2011
<b>Central African Republic</b>	
Combined initial, second, third, fourth, and fifth periodic reports	21 July 2008  Scheduled to be considered in the absence of a report at the 53 <sup>rd</sup> session (decision taken at 38 <sup>th</sup> session)
<b>China</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	3 September 2010
<b>Cook Islands</b>	
Initial report	10 September 2007
Second periodic report	10 September 2011
<b>Croatia</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	9 October 2009
<b>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</b>	
Second periodic report	27 March 2006

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date due</i>
Third periodic report	27 March 2010
<b>Dominica</b>	
Combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports	Considered in the absence of a report at the 43 <sup>rd</sup> session
Eight periodic report	31 December 2010
<b>Eritrea</b>	
Fourth periodic report	5 October 2008
<b>Gabon</b>	
Sixth and seventh combined reports	20 February 2008
<b>Gambia</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	16 May 2010
<b>Georgia</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	25 November 2011
<b>Ghana</b>	
Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports	1 February 2011
<b>Guinea</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	8 September 2011
<b>India</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth reports	8 August 2010
<b>Ireland</b>	
Sixth periodic report	22 January 2007
Seventh periodic report	22 January 2011
<b>Kiribati</b>	
Initial report	16 April 2005
Second periodic report	16 April 2009
<b>Latvia</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	14 May 2009
<b>Malaysia</b>	
Combined third and fourth periodic reports	4 August 2008

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date due</i>
<b>Maldives</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	31 July 2010
<b>Mali</b>	
Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports	10 October 2010
<b>Marshall Islands</b>	
Combined initial and second periodic reports	1 April 2011
<b>Mauritania</b>	
Combined second and third periodic reports	9 June 2010
<b>Micronesia (Federated States of)</b>	
Combined initial and second periodic reports	1 October 2009
<b>Monaco</b>	
Combined initial and second periodic reports	17 April 2010
<b>Mozambique</b>	
Combined third and fourth periodic reports	21 May 2010
<b>Namibia</b>	
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	31 December 2009
<b>Nicaragua</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic report	26 November 2010
<b>Peru</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	13 October 2011
<b>Philippines</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	4 September 2010
<b>Poland</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	3 September 2010
<b>Romania</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	6 February 2011
<b>Saint Kitts and Nevis</b>	
Fifth periodic report	25 May 2002
Sixth periodic report	25 May 2006

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date due</i>
Seventh periodic report	25 May 2010
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	
Seventh periodic report	7 November 2007
Eighth periodic report	7 November 2011
<b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b>	
Combined fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports	3 September 2006
Eighth periodic report	3 September 2010
	Scheduled for consideration in the absence of a report at the 56 <sup>th</sup> session (decision taken at 41 <sup>st</sup> session)
<b>San Marino</b>	
Initial report	9 January 2005
Second periodic report	9 January 2009
<b>Sao Tome and Principe</b>	
Initial report	3 July 2004
Second periodic report	3 July 2008
<b>Senegal</b>	
Combined third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports	7 March 2010
	Scheduled for consideration in the absence of a report at the 57 <sup>th</sup> session (decision taken at the 41 <sup>st</sup> session)
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	
Initial report	6 June 2003
Second periodic report	6 June 2007
Third periodic report	6 June 2011
	Scheduled for consideration in the absence of a report at the 56 <sup>th</sup> session (decision taken at the 41 <sup>st</sup> session)
<b>Suriname</b>	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date due</i>
Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports	31 March 2010
<b>Swaziland</b>	
Initial report	25 April 2005
Second periodic report	25 April 2009
<b>Thailand</b>	
Combined sixth and seventh periodic reports	8 September 2010
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	
Fourth periodic report	11 February 2003
Fifth periodic report	11 February 2007
Sixth periodic report	11 February 2011
<b>Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</b>	
Seventh periodic report	1 June 2008
<b>Viet Nam</b>	
Combined seventh and eighth periodic reports	19 March 2011

## Annex II

### States parties whose reports were five years or more overdue as at 31 December 2011

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**Antigua and Barbuda**

**Barbados**

**Central African Republic**

(Decision taken to consider in absence of a report at 38<sup>th</sup> Session)

**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**Kiribati**

**Saint Kitts and Nevis**

**Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

(Decision taken to consider in absence of a report at 41st Session)

**San Marino**

**Sao Tome and Principe**

**Senegal**

(Decision taken to consider in absence of a report at 41<sup>st</sup> Session)

**Solomon Islands**

(Decision taken to consider in absence of a report at 41st Session)

**Swaziland**

**Trinidad and Tobago**

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## **Annex III**

### **Schedule of consideration of States parties at upcoming Sessions**

#### **52nd Session – 9 to 27 July 2012**

- Bahamas
- Bulgaria
- Guyana
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Samoa

#### **53rd Session – 1 to 19 October 2012**

- Central African Republic (in absence of a report)
- Chile
- Comoros
- Equatorial Guinea
- Serbia
- Togo
- Turkmenistan

#### **54<sup>th</sup> Session (February 2013)**

- Angola
- Austria
- Cambodia
- Cyprus
- Greece
- Hungary
- Pakistan
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

#### **55<sup>th</sup> session (July 2013)**

- Afghanistan (c 1 and 2)
- Bahrain
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Dominican Republic
- Lithuania
- United Kingdom

#### **56<sup>th</sup> session (October 2013)**

- Andorra
- Benin
- Colombia
- Republic of Moldova
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (in the absence of a report)

- Seychelles
- Solomon Islands (in the absence of a report )
- Tajikistan

**57<sup>th</sup> session (February 2014)**

- Cameroon
  - Cape Verde
  - Iraq
  - Kazakhstan
  - Qatar
  - Senegal (in the absence of a report )
  - Sierra Leone
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