

**Ms. Zou Xiaoqiao (China)**

**Name and first name:**

Zou, Xiaoqiao

**Date and place of Birth:**

Feb. 22, 1952, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China

**Working languages:**

Chinese and English

**Current position/function**

Deputy Director General, Department of International Affairs, All-China Women's Federation (ACWF)

Senior advisor on gender issues, State Council Working Committee on Women and Children, China

Board member, China International Exchanges Association

Council Member, China United Nations Association

Member, China UNESCO National Committee

Member, Coordinating Committee of Women Leaders' Network, Asian and Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

**Main professional activities:**

Ms. Zou Xiaoqiao has been working on the advancement of women's rights both locally and internationally for nearly 30 years and has the rich experiences in this area. Over the years, she has been deeply involved in the activities of implementing and popularizing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the Convention), and actively participated in discussion and compilation of China's Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Periodic Reports and related supplementary report on implementation of the Convention. Ms. Zou has served as a delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women for nearly 10 years and taken part in the elaboration and consultations of a draft Optional Protocol to the Convention. She has an intimate knowledge of the Convention and gives lectures on the Convention and other international human rights documents to government officials, public procurators, judges and policemen and those working for women's rights in many parts of China. She also gives wide publicity to the progress of implementation of the Convention of China and other countries. Ms. Zou has made great efforts to the implementation and dissemination of the Convention in China.

Ms. Zou Xiaoqiao has been devoted herself to the international exchange activities and held deep discussions with experts from other countries on issues of women's human rights, women in politics, women in economic development, women in education and training, population and etc. She has had a profound study on violence against women, trafficking in women and other issues of women's human rights. She has been showing a great concern on international women's movement, particularly on the new development trend of women's human rights

globally. Ms. Zou has been a member of the official delegation to numerous regional and international conferences, including the Third World Conference on Women (Nairobi), the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing), the 23<sup>rd</sup> special session of the UN General Assembly, the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development, UN Commission on the Status of Women and Commission on Human Rights. She also participated in the Project on Household, Gender and Age, a study focusing on the impact of economic development and reform among rural women in southwest China, co-sponsored by the All-China Women's Federation and United Nations University.

#### **Educational Background:**

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| 1986        | Diploma, University of Los Andes, Colombia (South America)<br>Methodology, data collection and data analysis |
| 1985        | Diploma, University of Chicago, United States<br>Sociology, women studies                                    |
| 1978 – 1980 | Diploma, University of Caberra, Australia<br>History, politics and literature                                |
| 1971 – 1975 | BA. Beijing Foreign Studies University<br>English literature   |

#### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

##### **1. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (hereinafter referred to as the Convention)**

- 2003 — Member of the examining committee on the Fifth and Sixth Periodic Report of China on the Implementation of the Convention
  - Lecturer on the Convention and women's human rights at the Workshop on Cracking down on Trafficking in Women in Sichun Province, China
  - Lecturer on the Convention and its Optional Protocol and international women's movement at the Seminar on Women's Issues in Beijing, China
- 2002 — Member of the drafting committee to the Fifth and Sixth Periodic Report of China on the implementation of the Convention
  - Lecturer on the Convention and its Optional Protocol at the workshops/seminars held in Guizhou, Qinghai and Beijing, China
- 2000 — Exchange views with the experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) who paid visit in China about implementation of the Convention
- 1999 — Alternate representative of the Chinese delegation to the Twentieth Session of the Committee on the consideration of China's Third and Fourth Periodic Reports

- Alternate representative of the Chinese delegation to the 40<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> sessions of CSW on the drafting of an Optional Protocol to the Convention
- 1998 — Member of the drafting committee on the supplementary report to the Third and Fourth Periodic Report of China on the implementation of the Convention
- Lecturer on the Convention at the Workshop co-sponsored by the ACWF and International Human Rights Watch held in Beijing, China

## **2. Human Rights of Women**

- 2003 — Keynote speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> China-Canada-Norway Seminar on Human Rights
- 2002 — Resource person of China to the 7<sup>th</sup> Round of Sino-Australia Human Rights Dialogue
- 2002 — Head of Chinese delegation to the Second Regional Conference on Illegal Labor Movement: the case of trafficking in Children and Women held in Thailand
- Keynote speaker on the Role of Chinese Women in Political, Economic and Social Life at the Sino-German Seminar on Human Rights
- Lecturer on international community and human rights at the workshops of China-Australian Human Rights Projects on Trafficking in Women and Domestic Violence
- 2001 — Participant to the 5<sup>th</sup> Round of Human Rights Dialogue between China and Australia
- Participant to the Human Rights Dialogue between China and European Union
- Participant to the Fourth Sino-Norwegian Roundtable on Role of Law and human Rights
- 1998 — Keynote speaker on NGO's Role in Social Development and Policy Formulation at Sino-Canadian Seminar on Civil Society and Law of Human Rights
- Attend the China-EU Women's Conference on Human Rights
- 1996 — Attend 52nd Session of the UN Human Rights Commission

## **3. Gender issues**

- 2003 — Has been advisers and alternate representatives of the Chinese delegation to the sessions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women since 1994
- Participating in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Women Leaders' Network (WLN) of APEC, served as chair and member of Coordinating Committee of WLN
- Keynote speaker of the Conference on Women in Leadership: Economic Empowerment in the Asia Pacific region held in Australia

- 2000 — Alternate representative of the Chinese delegation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> special session of the UN General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" and participate in the consultations of Outcome Document
- 1998 — Attending the Third Meeting of Senior Officials of National Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women in Japan  
— Keynote speaker to the Third East Asian Women's Forum in Mongolia
- 1997 — Personal Representative of the First lady of China to the First Meeting of RSC-AP on the Economic Advancement of Rural and Island Women
- 1995 — Working in the China's Organizing Committee for the Fourth World Conference on Women  
— Adviser of the Chinese delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women and work on the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action
- 1994 — Adviser to the Chinese delegation to the Second Asia and the Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development and work on Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and pacific
- 1985 — Adviser of the Chinese delegation to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women held in Nairobi

#### **4. Others**

- 2000 — Speaker on Women's Role in Peace-keeping at Asian and European People's Forum held in Seoul
- 1997 — Attending The 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs
- 1995 — Attending the World Summit for Social Development
- 1994 — Participating in International Conference on Population and Development

List of most recent publications:

*The Footsteps of Civilization*, Beijing, Volume 2, Human Rights Journal, 2004 (in printing)

*International Women's Movement and Organizations*, Beijing: China Women's Press, 2001.

*Editor-in-chief, Chinese Women at the '95 NGO Forum on Women*, Beijing: Chinese Women's Press, 1996