



CEDAW General Recommendation No. 2: Reporting by States Parties

*Adopted at the Sixth Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in 1987
(Contained in Document A/42/38)*

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Bearing in mind that the Committee had been faced with difficulties in its work because some initial reports of States parties under article 18 of the Convention did not reflect adequately the information available in the State party concerned in accordance with the guidelines,

Recommends:

(a) That the States parties, in preparing reports under article 18 of the Convention, should follow the general guidelines adopted in August 1983 (CEDAW/C/7) as to the form, content and date of reports;

(b) That the States parties should follow the general recommendation adopted in 1986 in these terms:

“Initial reports submitted under article 18 of the Convention should cover the situation up to the date of submission. Thereafter, reports should be submitted at least every four years after the first report was due and should include obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention fully and the measures adopted to overcome such obstacles.”

(c) That additional information supplementing the report of a State party should be sent to the Secretariat at least three months before the session at which the report is due to be considered.



CEDAW General Recommendation No. 3: Education and Public Information Campaigns

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The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Considering that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has considered 34 reports from States parties since 1983,

Further considering that, although the reports have come from States with different levels of development, they present features in varying degrees showing the existence of stereotyped conceptions of women, owing to sociocultural factors, that perpetuate discrimination based on sex and hinder the implementation of article 5 of the Convention,

Urges all States parties effectively to adopt education and public information programmes, which will help eliminate prejudices and current practices that hinder the full operation of the principle of the social equality of women.



CEDAW General Recommendation No. 4: Reservations

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against Women, in 1987
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The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Having examined reports from States parties at its sessions,

*Expressed concern in relation to the significant number of reservations that
appeared to be incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention,*

*Welcomes the decision of the States parties to consider reservations at its next
meeting in New York in 1988, and to that end suggests that all States parties
concerned reconsider such reservations with a view to withdrawing them.*