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

Concluding observations on the initial report of Cuba[[1]](#footnote-1)\*

Concluding observations on the combined second to fourth periodic reports of Italy[[2]](#footnote-2)\*

Concluding observations on the second periodic report of France[[3]](#footnote-3)\*

1. The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Andorra ([CEDAW/C/AND/4](https://undocs.org/en/CEDAW/C/AND/4)) at its 1722nd and 1723rd meetings (see [CEDAW/C/SR.1722](https://undocs.org/en/CEDAW/C/SR.1722) and [CEDAW/C/SR.1723](https://undocs.org/en/CEDAW/C/SR.1723)), held on 23 October 2019. The list of issues and questions raised by the pre-sessional working group is contained in [CEDAW/C/AND/Q/4](https://undocs.org/en/CEDAW/C/AND/Q/4), and the responses of Andorra are contained in [CEDAW/C/AND/Q/4/Add.1](https://undocs.org/en/CEDAW/C/AND/Q/4/Add.1).

The Committee’s list of issues and questions is contained in CEDAW/C/FRA/Q/2, and the responses of France are contained in CEDAW/C/FRA/Q/2/Add.1.

A. Introduction

2. The Committee appreciates the submission by the State party of its fifth periodic report. It also appreciates the State party’s written replies to the list of issues and questions raised by the pre-sessional working group and welcomes the oral presentation by the delegation and the further clarifications provided in response to the questions posed orally by the Committee during the dialogue.

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3. The Committee commends the State party’s high-level delegation, which was headed by the Minister of Women of Paraguay, Ana María Baiardi. The delegation also included representatives of representatives of the Ministry of Women, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Public Health and Social Well-being, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

B. Positive aspects

4. The Committee welcomes the progress achieved since the entry into force of the Convention for the State party in 2004 in undertaking legislative reforms, in particular the adoption of the following:

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**C. Sustainable Development Goals**

6. **The Committee welcomes the international support for the Sustainable Development Goals and calls for the realization of de jure (legal) and de facto (substantive) gender equality, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, throughout the process of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Committee recalls the importance of Goal 5 and of the mainstreaming of the principles of equality and non-discrimination throughout all 17 Goals. It urges the State party to recognize women as the driving force of the sustainable development of the State party and to adopt relevant policies and strategies to that effect.**

D. Parliament

7. **The Committee stresses the crucial role of the legislative power in ensuring the full implementation of the Convention (see the statement by the Committee on its relationship with parliamentarians, adopted at the forty-fifth session, in 2010). It invites Parliament, in line with its mandate, to take the necessary steps regarding the implementation of the present concluding observations between now and the next reporting period under the Convention.**

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E. Principal areas of concern and recommendations

**Visibility of the Convention, the Optional Protocol thereto and the Committee's general recommendations**

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**Definition of discrimination against women**

**Women’s access to justice**

**National machinery for the advancement of women**

**National human rights institution**

**Civil society organizations**

**Temporary special measures**

**Stereotypes and harmful practices**

**Gender-based violence against women**

**Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution**

**Participation in political and public life**

**Nationality**

**Education**

**Employment**

**Economic empowerment of women**

**Health**

**Climate change and disaster risk reduction**

**Rural women**

**Women’s access to land**

**Marriage and family relations**

**Data collection and analysis**

**Optional Protocol to the Convention and amendment to article 20 (1) of the Convention**

42. **The Committee encourages the State party to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention and to accept, as soon as possible, the amendment to article 20 (1) of the Convention concerning the meeting time of the Committee.**

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

43. **The Committee calls upon the State party to use the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in its efforts to implement the provisions of the Convention.**

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

44. **The Committee calls for the realization of substantive gender equality, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, throughout the process of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

Dissemination

45. **The Committee requests the State party to ensure the timely dissemination of the present concluding observations, in the official languages of the State party, to the relevant State institutions at all levels (national, regional and local), in particular to the Government, the ministries, Parliament and the judiciary, to enable their full implementation.**

Technical assistance

46. **The Committee recommends that the State party link the implementation of the Convention to its development efforts and that it avail itself of regional or international technical assistance in this respect.**

Ratification of other treaties

47. **The Committee notes that the adherence of the State party to the nine major international human rights instruments**[[4]](#footnote-4) **would enhance the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms in all aspects of life. The Committee therefore encourages the State party to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women，to which it is not yet a party.**

Follow-up to the concluding observations

48. **The Committee requests the State party to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 25 and 28 above.**

Preparation of the next report

49. **The Committee invites the State party to submit its fourth periodic report in February 2024. In case of delay, the report should cover the entire period up to the time of its submission.**

50. **The Committee requests the State party to follow the harmonized guidelines on reporting under the international human rights treaties, including guidelines on a common core document and treaty-specific documents (see HRI/GEN/2/Rev.6, chap. I).**

1. \* Adopted by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session (21 October–8 November 2019). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \* Adopted by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session (21 October–8 November 2019). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. \* Adopted by the Committee at its seventy-fourth session (21 October–8 November 2019). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Convention on the Rights of the Child; the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)