IV. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY
THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Eighth session (1989)*

General recommendation No. 10: Tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention
on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Considering that 18 December 1989 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Considering further that in those 10 years the Convention has proved to be one of the most
effective instruments that the United Nations has adopted to promote equality between the sexes
in the societies of its States Members,

Recalling General recommendation No. 6 (Seventh session, 1988) on effective national
machinery and publicity,

Recommends that, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the
Convention, the States parties should consider:

1. Undertaking programmes including conferences and seminars to publicize the
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in the main
languages of and providing information on the Convention in their respective countries;

2. Inviting their national women’s organizations to cooperate in the publicity
campaigns regarding the Convention and its implementation and encouraging non-governmental
organizations at the national, regional and international levels to publicize the Convention and its
implementation;

3. Encouraging action to ensure the full implementation of the principles of the
Convention, and in particular article 8, which relates to the participation of women at all levels
of activity of the United Nations and the United Nations system;

4. Requesting the Secretary-General to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the
adoption of the Convention by publishing and disseminating, in cooperation with the specialized
agencies, printed and other materials regarding the Convention and its implementation in all
official languages of the United Nations, preparing television documentaries about the
Convention, and making the necessary resources available to the Division for the Advancement
of Women, Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations
Office at Vienna, to prepare an analysis of the information provided by States parties in order to
update and publish the report of the Committee (A/CONF.116/13), which was first published for

* Contained in document A/44/38.