

FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CEDAW COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (SRVAW)

The CEDAW Committee and the SRVAW agree on the following framework of cooperation:

Purpose of the Framework of Cooperation

The purpose of this Framework of Cooperation between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, is to strengthen already established cooperation on combating violence against women in line with their respective mandates, and to advance the rights of women and girls by preventing and combating gender based violence, and supporting the implementation of the CEDAW and its General Recommendation 35 as a strategy to protect women and girls from gender based violence against women and girls. This would be done in particular through:

- a. The establishment of a joint programme of work to support the implementation of CEDAW's General Recommendation 35, in which the SRVAW participated, including at regional and country levels;
- b. Advancing national level implementation of human rights standards on the prevention and elimination of discrimination and gender based violence. Cooperating in the conduct of research and collection of data to ensure accountability of Member States with the obligations under the Convention and General Recommendations 19 and 35.

Areas of collaboration

Recognizing the common objectives and mutually reinforcing independent mandates to protect and promote the rights of women and girls from gender based violence, the Committee and the SRVAW will collaborate in areas of mutual interest and engagement, where possible and appropriate, including but not limited to:

1. Exchange of information regarding country situations under consideration by the Committee and those subject to visits or communications by the SRVAW. This exchange of information should include administrative and substantive elements where (a) calendars of relevant activities are shared to facilitate the exchange of information; and (b) relevant background and other documents such as lists of issues, concluding observations, preliminary reports, and the Committee's digest of its jurisprudence on women, peace and security;
2. Effective use of opportunities for the advancement of women and prevention of gender based violence against women including the use of various platforms available within the United Nations system such as panels and side events in order to advance the elimination of gender based violence against women through the lens of the respective mandates of the Committee and the SRVAW;
3. Holding discussion panels, workshops and/or conferences to take stock of the state of implementation of General Recommendation 35 and to improve synergies between the Committee and the SRVAW mandates; and
4. Undertake joint outreach activities to promote the work of both mandates through the implementation of the General Recommendations 35 by developing

guidelines/tools/indicators on its implementation **including through updated national action plans on violence against women at the national level.**

Terms and modalities of collaborative activities

Any activity in support of the aforementioned areas of collaboration will be subject to the availability of sufficient financial and human resources for that purpose, as well as each mandate's programme of work, priority activities, internal rules, regulations, policies, administrative procedures and practices.

The Committee will establish a working group on violence against women to facilitate coordination between them and SRVAW in respect of any matters related to the implementation of the agreed to activities.

The present framework shall be reviewed periodically; the first comprehensive review will take place in 2021 when the tenure of the current mandate holder will come to an end.

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