



**Misión Permanente Argentina  
ante los Organismos Internacionales en Ginebra**

**TO MS. NAHLA HAIDAR, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

**TO MR. JAKOB SCHNEIDER, SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

The Argentine Republic wishes to express its appreciation for the dialogue held in the framework of the recent periodic review, as well as for the opportunity to submit a supplementary report to the one presented in 2023 and to provide observations on the advanced unedited version of the report.

As is well known, Argentina had not participated in a periodic review for ten years. In fulfillment of its international commitments and acting in good faith, the Argentine State attended the evaluation with a prepared delegation, providing substantive information, updated data, and detailed responses to all questions raised, including additional information submitted within the 24-hour timeframe requested by the Committee.

However, after reviewing the advanced unedited version of the report, the Argentine Republic can only express its profound surprise, disappointment, and concern. The document does not reflect the substance of the dialogue held, nor does it incorporate the inputs provided by the State in the supplementary report, during the oral presentation, or in the additional information subsequently submitted.

In direct contradiction to official information published on United Nations webpages, the report states in several passages that:

- Information was lacking when it had in fact been provided, including, inter alia, disaggregated data on trafficking complaints submitted in writing within 24 hours following the oral examination<sup>1</sup>.
- Assertions are made that contradict publicly available and easily verifiable information (for example, the accessibility of the individual case "Olga Díaz," which is available on official websites<sup>2</sup>).
- Inaccurate information derived from newspaper articles<sup>3</sup> and shadow reports<sup>4</sup> is recorded, despite those sources not even coinciding with one another and providing

<sup>1</sup> The information is available at the following link:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2861&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2861&Lang=en).

The additional information submitted within 24 hours, concerning the disaggregation of trafficking data and not reflected therein, is likewise available at the same hyperlink.

<sup>2</sup> For instance, see: <https://www.oficinadelamujer.gov.ar/om/verNoticia?idNoticia=7805>, which includes hyperlinks to other official government websites.

<sup>3</sup> Please see: [https://www.clarin.com/zonales/cerraron-centro-acceso-gratuito-justicia-san-fernando\\_0\\_55hcu7Cxf.html](https://www.clarin.com/zonales/cerraron-centro-acceso-gratuito-justicia-san-fernando_0_55hcu7Cxf.html)

<sup>4</sup> The information is reproduced without further details from a non-governmental organization which, in a highly unusual procedural irregularity, was granted a right of reply to Argentina's additional report (ALTERNATIVE REPORT OF ARGENTINE CIVIL SOCIETY TO THE CEDAW COMMITTEE, 92nd session, February 2026, ELA, CELS, MxM, CEDEM, Fundeps,

information contradictory to that of the State, while disregarding official information concerning the extensive and comprehensive network of access to justice complementary to the CAJs for women, structured through an intersectoral and multilayered system to ensure proximity-based access, which was described in detail during the oral examination<sup>5</sup>.

- Clarifications and information expressly provided during the dialogue, and reflected in the official video record, are omitted<sup>6</sup>.
- The explanations offered regarding plans currently under review and their implementation status are not reflected<sup>7</sup>.

Most notably, the press release issued by the United Nations Information Service in Geneva for media use following the dialogue was laudatory in tone, contradicting the content of the advanced unedited report<sup>8</sup>.

The overall impression arising from the reading of the document is that the presence of the Argentine delegation, the supplementary report submitted, and the additional responses provided were not taken into consideration by the Committee, as if the effort and good faith demonstrated had been rendered invisible. The outcome appears not to have been influenced by the exchange that took place. This raises serious concern that the constructive dialogue — a central element of the procedure — between States parties and the Committee risks becoming a futile exercise.

Furthermore, the report formulates reproaches on matters that exceed the obligations assumed by the Argentine Republic under the Convention. As was stated during the constructive dialogue, neither the Convention nor any treaty within the United Nations system establishes a human right to abortion; the Convention's obligations are limited to the provision of information to women regarding family planning. To assert otherwise would exceed the Committee's evaluative mandate as framed by its constitutive treaty.

The Argentine Republic participated in this process with respect and commitment, understanding the periodic review as a genuine space for exchange capable of enriching the final conclusions. It is therefore particularly concerning that the report does not reflect the substance of the dialogue held nor the contributions made in good faith.

In light of the foregoing, Argentina respectfully requests that the Committee undertake a comprehensive revision of the advanced unedited version of the report in order to incorporate the responses and clarifications provided by the State in each of the segments addressed, ensuring that the final report faithfully reflects the interaction held in each of its paragraphs. Otherwise, there is a risk of conveying the perception that the periodic review is merely formal

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We consider it necessary to recall that the periodic review system is a dialogue between States and that civil society contributes information but does not enjoy a right of reply, as the dialogue is conducted with the members of the Committee.

<sup>5</sup> See the video recording here: <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1o/k1oldrxxx>

<sup>6</sup> See the video recording at: <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1o/k1oldrxxx>

<sup>7</sup> See all information concerning the Argentine report at the following link:

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<sup>8</sup> Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Praise Argentina's Record in Promoting Women's Leadership, Ask about the Elimination of the Women's Ministry and Reported Weakening of Services for Violence Victims".

<https://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/meeting-summary/2026/02/examen-de-argentina-au-cedaw-des-inquietudes-sont-notamment>

It contains highly laudatory paragraphs and even summarizes the richness of women's access to justice and the strong integration of women into public and social life.

in nature, should the substantive contributions of the State party not be duly and specifically reflected.

The international human rights system — currently undergoing reflection and review, particularly with regard to the functioning of treaty bodies — requires that review processes effectively account for the exchanges that take place and that resulting reports be informed by the real dialogue held between States and the Committee. From a reading of the advanced unedited version of the report, one might conclude that it had been drafted prior to Argentina's written and oral contributions, as these appear to have been omitted.

The Argentine Republic trusts that the final report will adequately reflect the substantive dialogue held in Geneva and the spirit of cooperation that characterized its participation.

The Argentine Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

Geneva, 20 February 2026

