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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Missions of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the Convention) and has the honour to inform them that the Twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will take place on **7 June 2018** from 10:00 a.m. at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Conference Room 2.

At the meeting, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be elected to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018. The Convention provides that at that meeting, for which two-thirds of the States parties to the Convention shall constitute a quorum, the persons elected to the Committee shall be those nominees who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the votes of the representatives of States parties present and voting.

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials on time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded.

The States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women are hereby invited to be represented at the Twentieth Meeting of States parties and are requested to forward to the Secretary-General the credentials for its representative(s), by no later than **24 May 2018**. Original copies of credentials should be sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Room S-31SM2, 31st floor, Secretariat Building, (Fax: 1 212 963 4097), attn.: Mr. Nenad Vasic (vasic@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of the members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is available on the CEDAW website at <https://bit.ly/2EIJUJq> as document CEDAW/SP/2018/1. It will also be posted on Candiweb.

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