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

**Sixty-sixth session
(13 February – 3 March 2017)**

Chapter I

Matters brought to the attention of States parties

Decisions

Decision 66/1

Election of the Chair

On 13 February 2017, the Committee elected Dalia Leinarte as the Chair of the Committee.

Decision 66/2

Election of Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur

On 13 February 2017, the Committee also elected the other officers of the Committee as follows: Magalys Arocha Dominguez, Vice Chair; Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Vice Chair; Theodora Oby Nwankwo, Vice-Chair; and Rosario Manalo, Rapporteur.

Decision 66/3

Working Group on Communications

The Committee elected the members of the working group on communications as follows: Gladys Acosta Vargas, Yoko Hayashi, Lia Nadaraia, Pramila Patten (Chair), and Patricia Schulz (Vice-Chair).

Decision 66/4

Working Group on Inquiries

The Committee elected the members of the working group on inquiries as follows: Marion Bethel (Vice-Chair), Gunnar Bergby, Hilary Gbedemah (Chair), Nahla Haidar, and Theodora Oby Nwankwo.

Decision 66/5

Joint statement on the occasion of International Women's Day

On 3 March 2017, the Committee adopted a joint statement entitled "Elimination of discrimination against women – an unfinished agenda" on the occasion of International Women's Day, together with the Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

Decision 66/6

Contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

On 1 March 2017, the Committee adopted its contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for submission to the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to be held from 10 to 19 July 2017 in New York under the theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world", subject to comments to be received from Committee members by 15 March 2017.

Decision 66/7

Revision of reporting guidelines

The Committee decided to revise its treaty-specific reporting guidelines (HRI/GEN/2/Rev.6; Chapter V) to reflect the Sustainable Development Goals, and

entrusted Gladys Acosta Vargas, Nicole Ameline and Nahla Haidar to identify areas requiring revision.

Decision 66/8

Word limit for annexes to State party documents

The Committee decided to inform States parties to the Convention that annexes to State party documentation submitted to the Committee should not exceed 8000 words in the case of common core documents, 6000 words in the case of initial reports, 4000 words in the case of periodic reports, and 2000 words in the case of written replies to lists of issues and questions.

Decision 66/9

Continued cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women

Further to decision 65/4, the Committee decided to invite the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences to participate in the sixty-seventh session of the Committee for the second reading and adoption of its General Recommendation on gender-based violence against women updating General Recommendation No. 19 (1992).

Decision 66/10

Pre-Sessional Working Group

The Committee confirmed the members of the pre-sessional working group for the sixty-eighth session, i.e., Magalys Arocha Dominguez, Nicole Ameline, Naéla Gabr, Ismat Jahan and Pramila Patten (replacing Lia Nadaraia).

Chapter II

Organizational and other matters

A. States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and to the Optional Protocol

As at 3 March 2017, the closing date of the sixty-sixth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, there were 189 States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/180 and opened for signature, ratification and accession in New York on 1 March 1980. In accordance with its article 27, the Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. In addition, 71 Contracting States had accepted the amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention, concerning the Committee's meeting time. A total of 126 States parties to the Convention are currently required to accept the amendment in order to bring it into force, in accordance with its provisions.

At the same date, there were 108 States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/4 and opened for signature, ratification and accession in New York on 10 December 1999. In accordance with its article 16, the Optional Protocol entered into force on 22 December 2000.

Updated information on the status of the Convention, the amendment to the Convention and its Optional Protocol, as well as lists of States signatories and parties and the texts of declarations, reservations, objections and other relevant information are available from the website of the United Nations Treaty Collection (<http://treaties.un.org>).

B. Opening of the session

The Committee held its sixty-sixth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 13 February to 3 March 2017. The Committee held 20 plenary meetings, and also held

10 meetings to discuss agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8. A list of the documents before the Committee is contained in annex [...] to the present report.

The session was opened by the outgoing Chairperson of the Committee, Yoko Hayashi, at its 1470th meeting on 13 February 2017.

C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/66/1) at its 1470th meeting.

D. Report of the pre-session working group

The report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/66/1), which met from 25 to 29 July 2016, was introduced by Hilary Gbedemah at the 1470th meeting.

E. Organization of work

On 13 February 2017, the Committee elected Dalia Leinarte as Chair of the Committee, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee. The following members were also elected as officers of the Committee: Magalys Arocha Donínguez, Vice Chair; Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Vice Chair; Theodora Oby Nwankwo, Vice-Chair; and Rosario Manalo, Rapporteur.

The following newly elected members of the Committee assumed their duties and took the solemn declaration as provided for in Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on 13 February: Gunnar Bergby, Marion Bethel, Rosario Manalo, Bandana Rana, Wenyan Song and Aicha Vall Verges.

On 13 and 20 February 2017, the Committee held closed meetings with representatives of specialized agencies and United Nations funds and programmes, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, during which country-specific information was provided, as well as information on the efforts made by those bodies to support the implementation of the Convention.

Also on 13 and 20 February 2017, the Committee held informal public meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, who provided information on the implementation of the Convention in the States parties considered by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session.

On 20 February, the Committee held an informal private meeting with Beate Rudolf, Director of the German Institute for Human Rights and Chairperson of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) to discuss strengthened cooperation with national human rights institutions.

F. Membership of the Committee

All members attended the sixty-sixth session with the exception of Lilian Hofmeister. The following members did not attend the session on the indicated dates: Feride Acar, from 14 to 17 February; Nicole Ameline, on 2 and 3 March; Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, on 17 and 24 February and 3 March; and Ismat Jahan, from 13 to 17 February. A list of members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is annexed to the present report.

Chapter III

Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the Committee

At the 1470th meeting, the outgoing Chairperson, Yoko Hayashi, presented her report on the activities she had undertaken since the sixty-fifth session of the Committee.

Chapter IV

A. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention

At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee considered the reports of eight States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention: the combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of El Salvador; the combined seventh and eighth periodic reports of Germany; the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Ireland; the sixth periodic report of Jordan; the combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Micronesia; the combined seventh to ninth periodic reports of Rwanda; the eighth periodic report of Sri Lanka; and the eighth periodic report of Ukraine.

The Committee prepared concluding observations on each of the reports considered. Those observations are available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org/>) under the symbol numbers indicated below:

El Salvador (CEDAW/C/SLV/8-9)

Germany (CEDAW/C/DEU/7-8)

Ireland (CEDAW/C/IRL/6-7)

Jordan (CEDAW/C/JOR/6)

Micronesia (CEDAW/C/FSM/1-3)

Rwanda (CEDAW/C/RWA/7-9)

Sri Lanka (CEDAW/C/LKA/8)

Ukraine (CEDAW/C/UKR/8)

B. Follow-up procedures relating to concluding observations

The Committee considered the follow-up reports from the following States parties:

- 1) Andorra (CEDAW/C/AND/CO/2-3/Add.1)
- 2) Cameroon (CEDAW/C/CMR/CO/4-5/Add.1)
- 3) Dominican Republic (CEDAW/C/DOM/CO/6-7/Add.1)
- 4) Georgia (CEDAW/C/GEO/CO/4-5/Add.1)
- 5) Iraq (CEDAW/C/IRQ/CO/4-6/Add.1)
- 6) Jamaica (CEDAW/C/JAM/CO/6-7/Add.1)
- 7) Lithuania (CEDAW/C/LTU/CO/5/Add.1)
- 8) Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/CO/7-8/Add.1)
- 9) Seychelles (CEDAW/C/SYC/CO/1-5/Add.1)

The Committee sent first reminders to the following States parties whose follow-up reports were overdue:

- 1) Brunei Darussalam
- 2) Ghana
- 3) Guinea
- 4) Poland
- 5) Venezuela

The Committee sent a second reminder to Sierra Leone whose follow-up report was overdue.

The Rapporteur on follow-up met with representatives of Cape Verde, the Central African Republic and the Republic of the Congo, whose follow-up reports were overdue.

Chapter V

Activities carried out under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 12 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report under article 21 of the Convention a summary of its activities under the Optional Protocol.

A. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising from article 2 of the Optional Protocol

The Committee discussed activities under article 2 of the Optional Protocol on 7 and 10 March 2017. It endorsed the report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol regarding its thirty-seventh session (see annex 1).

The Committee examined three individual communications submitted under article 2 of the Optional Protocol. It adopted three final decisions, declaring inadmissible two communications: one concerning Denmark (non-refoulement), for lack of substantiation, and one concerning the Russian Federation (alleged failure to adequately investigate sexual abuse), for non-exhaustion of domestic remedies. In addition, the Committee found a violation with regard to one communication concerning the Republic of Moldova (domestic violence). The Committee also discontinued the consideration of one communication concerning Denmark (non-refoulement case), given that the author had been issued a residence permit in the meantime. The text of the final decisions of the Committee will be available once they have been finalized and sent to the respective parties through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org/>) or through the juris database of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://juris.ohchr.org/>).

B. Follow-up to views of the Committee on individual communications

The Committee was informed that the Working Group, during its thirty-seventh session, had discussed the follow-up situation in each case where the follow-up dialogue was ongoing and that it had agreed on the action to be taken. Of the 12 cases under follow-up examination, one each relates to Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain and Tanzania. The Committee decided that in each of those cases the follow-up dialogue remains ongoing.

C. Action taken by the Committee in respect of issues arising from article 8 of the Optional Protocol

The Committee discussed activities under article 8 of the Optional Protocol on 1 March 2017. It endorsed the report of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol regarding its sixth session (see annex 2).

The Committee adopted the following recommendations of the Working Group on Inquiries:

(a) In relation to submission No. 2012/1, to request the State party concerned to submit observations on the subject matter of the information received under article 8 of the Optional Protocol, covering the entire territory of the State party;

(b) In relation to submission 2013/1, to designate Pramila Patten to replace Ruth Halperin-Kaddari who withdrew as a member designated to conduct the inquiry; and

(c) In relation to inquiry No. 2014/2, to refer to the newly composed Working Group on Inquiries the decision on the nomination of an additional designated member to conduct the inquiry together with Pramila Patten.

Also in relation to inquiry No. 2014/2, the Committee adopted the recommendation of the newly composed Working Group on Inquiries, which held a first meeting on 23 February 2017, to designate Nahla Haidar as an additional member to conduct the inquiry.

Chapter VI

A. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

The Secretariat informed the Committee about the status of submission of overdue reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention.

B. Action taken by the Committee under agenda item 7

Dates of future sessions of the Committee

In accordance with the calendar of conferences, the following dates are confirmed for the Committee's sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions:

Sixty-seventh Session (Geneva)

Thirty-eighth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 28-30 June 2017

Seventh session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol:
29-30 June 2017

Sixty-seventh session: 3 to 21 July 2017

Pre-session working group for the sixty-ninth session: 24 to 28 July 2017

Sixty-eighth Session (Geneva)

Thirty-ninth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol: 18 to 20 October 2017

Eighth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol:
19 to 20 October 2017

Sixty-eighth session: 23 October to 17 November 2017

Pre-session working group for the seventieth session: 20 to 24 November 2017

Reports to be considered at future sessions of the Committee

The Committee confirmed that it will consider the reports of the following States parties at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions:

Sixty-seventh session:

- 1) Barbados
- 2) Costa Rica
- 3) Italy
- 4) Montenegro
- 5) Niger
- 6) Nigeria
- 7) Romania (under the simplified reporting procedure)
- 8) Thailand

Sixty-eighth session:

- 1) Burkina Faso
- 2) Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- 3) Guatemala
- 4) Israel (under the simplified reporting procedure)
- 5) Kenya
- 6) Kuwait
- 7) Monaco
- 8) Nauru
- 9) Norway
- 10) Oman
- 11) Paraguay
- 12) Singapore

Chapter VII

Implementation of article 21 of the Convention

A. Action taken by the Committee under agenda item 6

Working Group on gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction and climate change

The working group met during the session, and reviewed and consolidated comments on the draft general recommendation received from numerous stakeholders inter-sessionally.

Working Group on the right to education

The working group met during the session and discussed an advanced draft of the general recommendation.

Working Group on working methods

The working group met during the session and submitted to the Committee draft decisions concerning the revision of its treaty-specific reporting guidelines as well as word limits for annexes to State party documentation submitted to the Committee.

Working Group on the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The working group met during the session and continued discussing the priorities for its cooperation with the IPU, namely with regard to monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

CEDAW-UN Women/SDGs Working Group

The working group met during the session and prepared a contribution on the theme of “eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” for the 2017 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. It also identified questions on SDG indicator 5.1.1, for inclusion in the lists of issues and questions by the pre-sessional working group of the Committee.

Working Group on gender-based violence against women

The Working Group met during the session.

The Chair of the Working Group briefed the members on the second expert group meeting organized by the London School of Economics, Centre for Women, Peace and Security, which was attended by Ms. Acar, Ms. Gabr, Ms. Haidar, Ms. Hayashi, Ms. Leinarte, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, Ms. Simonovic, and external experts. The Working Group discussed the final draft general recommendation

on gender-based violence against women (updating General Recommendation No. 19 (1992) on violence against women), as refined during the second expert group meeting.

On 27 February 2017, the Committee completed its first reading of the draft general recommendation.

Chapter VIII

Provisional agenda for the sixty-seventh session

On 3 March 2017, the Committee considered and approved the following provisional agenda for its sixty-seventh session:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions of the Committee.
4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
5. Follow-up to concluding observations of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
6. Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
7. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee.
8. Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
9. Provisional agenda for the sixty-eighth session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-seventh session.

Chapter IX

A. Adoption of the report

The Committee considered the draft report on its sixty-sixth session and addenda on 3 March 2017 and adopted it as orally revised during the discussion.

[Annexes will be added to the final version of the text]

B. Composition of the working groups of the Committee

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Annexes

Annex 1

Report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh session

1. The Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women held its thirty-seventh session from 7 to 10 February 2017 in Geneva. All five members attended the session: Ms. Gladys Acosta Vargas, Ms. Nahla El Addal-Haidar, Ms. Dalia Leinarte, Ms. Pramila Patten and Ms. Patricia Schulz.
2. At the beginning of the session, the Working Group adopted the agenda as set out in the appendix to the present report.
3. The Working Group then reviewed unregistered correspondence and took note of the action taken by the Secretariat in that regard.
4. Out of 111 cases registered since 2003, 44 are pending. In 23 cases, the Committee found a violation and in 2 cases no violation. 33 communications were declared inadmissible and 9 were discontinued on different grounds.
5. The Working Group discussed four draft recommendations concerning Denmark (No. 54/2013; non-refoulement, admissibility), Moldova (No. 58/2013; domestic violence, merits), the Russian Federation (No. 69/2014; sexual abuse and failure to adequately investigate, inadmissibility) and Mexico (No. 75/2014; femicide and failure to adequately investigate). Three of these recommendations (Nos. 54/2013, 58/2012 and 69/2014) were adopted by consensus and referred to the Committee for adoption. In the case No. 75/2014 concerning Mexico, the Working Group decided to seek further clarifications from the parties to the proceedings.
6. The Working Group discussed the status of all pending cases.
7. The Working Group decided to discontinue its consideration of communication No. 72/2014 concerning Denmark, as the author had been issued residence permit.
8. The Working Group remains concerned at the increased backlog of cases ready for decision. To date, 20 cases are ready for decision. In three of those cases, the Committee has granted requests from the States parties concerned to consider the admissibility of the communications separately from the merits (so-called split requests). The Working Group reiterates its request for OHCHR to secure adequate resources for the Petitions and Inquiries Section, including within the context of the review of the effectiveness of the measures taken under General Assembly resolution 68/268, in order to avoid a further increase in the backlog of pending cases which would further delay the adoption of final decisions on individual communications under the Optional Protocol.
9. For its thirty-eighth session, the Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare, on a priority basis, draft recommendations in relation to six communications: Nos. 70/2014 and 77/2014 concerning Denmark, No. 83/2015 concerning Ecuador, No. 91/2015 concerning the Russian Federation; and, if possible, Nos. 78/2014 and 79/2014 concerning Denmark.
10. The Working Group discussed the status of twelve cases in which the follow-up dialogue with the States parties concerned is continuing, and agreed on the possible action to be taken:
 - (1) 17/2008 concerning Brazil (case Rapporteurs Ms. Acosta Vargas/Ms. Patten);
 - (2) 19/2008 concerning Canada (case Rapporteur to be designated);
 - (3) 22/2009 concerning Peru (case Rapporteur to be designated);

- (4) 24/2009 concerning Georgia (case Rapporteur Ms. Patten);
- (5) 34/2011 concerning the Philippines (case Rapporteur Ms. Patten);
- (6) 36/2012 concerning the Netherlands (case Rapporteur to be designated);
- (7) 45/2012 concerning Kazakhstan (case Rapporteur to be designated);
- (8) 46/2012 concerning Denmark (case Rapporteur Ms. Patten);
- (9) 47/2012 concerning Spain (case Rapporteur Ms. Acosta Vargas);
- (10) 48/2012 concerning Tanzania (case Rapporteur Ms. Patten);
- (11) 60/2013 concerning the Russian Federation (case Rapporteur to be designated);
- (12) 66/2014 concerning Slovakia (case Rapporteur to be designated).

11. The Working Group requested the Secretariat to arrange meetings with representatives of the Permanent Missions of Canada, Peru, the Philippines and Spain to the United Nations Office at Geneva to discuss follow-up to views on individual communications finding violations of the Convention. It also requested the Secretariat to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to discuss the handling of individual communications. The Working Group further requested the Secretariat to prepare a follow up progress report for its thirty-eighth session, to reflect developments in cases where the follow up dialogue is continuing. It decided to designate follow up Rapporteurs for the cases where the follow-up dialogue is continuing for which no case Rapporteur has been designated, once the new members of the Working Group have been elected by the Committee.

Actions taken at the present session:

12. The Working Group decided:

(a) To refer for adoption to the Committee three recommendations in relation to communications No. 54/2013 concerning Denmark (non-refoulement, inadmissibility), No. 58/2013 concerning Moldova (domestic violence, merits) and No. 69/2014 concerning the Russian Federation (sexual abuse, inadmissibility), in each case by consensus;

(b) To defer its consideration of communication No. 75/2014 concerning Mexico to its thirty-eighth session;

(c) To request the Secretariat to prepare draft recommendations in relation to communications Nos. 70/2014 and 77/2014 concerning Denmark, No. 83/2015 concerning Ecuador, No. 91/2015 concerning the Russian Federation; and, if possible, Nos. 78/2014 and 79/2014 concerning Denmark;

(d) To discontinue its consideration of communication No. 72/2014 concerning Denmark;

(e) To request the Secretariat to arrange meetings with representatives of the Permanent Missions of Canada, Peru, the Philippines and Spain to the United Nations Office at Geneva to discuss follow-up to the Committee's views on individual communications; and with the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to discuss the handling of individual communications;

(f) To request the Secretariat to prepare a follow-up progress report for its thirty-eighth session on the developments in cases where a violation had been found and where the follow-up dialogue is continuing;

(g) To designate case Rapporteurs for all pending communications and the cases where the follow-up dialogue is continuing for which no case Rapporteur has been designated, once the new members of the Working Group have been elected by the Committee.

13. The Working Group decided to hold its thirty-eighth session from 28 to 30 June 2017 in Geneva.

ANNEX

Agenda

Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol 37th session (Geneva, 7 – 10 February 2017)

Room XVI, Palais des Nations

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
2. Review of steps and activities undertaken since the last session
3. New communications registered and appointment of case Rapporteurs
4. Discussion on cases ready for adoption
5. Update on communications (registered cases)
6. Update on follow-up to Views
7. Working methods
8. Adoption of the report concerning the Working Group's thirty-seventh session

Annex 2

Report of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session

1. The Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women held its sixth session from 9 to 10 February 2017 in Geneva. Five members attended the session (Hilary Gbedemah, Ruth Halperin-Kaddari - Chair, and Lia Nadaraia, including two *ad hoc* members Magalys Arocha and Yoko Hayashi).
2. At the beginning of the session, the Working Group adopted its agenda.
3. The Working Group was briefed by the Chief of the Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR, on the progress achieved following the workshop on inquiries that was held on 6 and 7 October 2016, particularly as regards the preparation of templates to be used by all treaty bodies with an inquiry procedure.
4. The Working Group was informed by the Secretariat:
 - (a) In relation to submission No. 2016/1, that the OHCHR representative in the State party concerned will submit the information requested by the Working Group before 17 February 2017;
 - (b) In relation to inquiry No. 2014/1, that the members designated to conduct the inquiry undertook a visit to the territory of the State party from 12 to 20 December 2016; and
 - (c) In relation to submission No. 2014/3, that the periodic report of the State party concerned will be considered by the Committee during its sixty-sixth session (13 February to 3 March 2017).

Action taken at the sixth session

5. The Working Group decided:
 - (a) To refer for adoption to the Committee the following recommendations in relation to the following inquiry proceedings:
 - (i) In relation to submission No. 2012/1, upon conducting a preliminary assessment of all information received, that the State party should submit

observations with regard to its entire territory on the subject matter of the information received under article 8 of the Optional Protocol; and

(ii) In relation to inquiry No. 2014/2, following the Committee's decision taken during its sixty-fifth session held in October-November 2016, to nominate one of the designated members to conduct the inquiry together with Pramila Patten, the Working Group decided to refer the decision to the newly composed Working Group on Inquiries.

(b) To inform the Committee of the following decisions taken by the Working Group:

(i) In relation to submission 2011/4, to request the United Nations country team in the State party concerned to provide updated information to enable the Working Group to conduct a thorough preliminary assessment considering that the State party has not submitted its observations despite repeated reminders and meetings with the Permanent Representative of the State party to the United Nations Office at Geneva; and

(ii) In relation to submission 2016/1, to defer to its seventh session the preliminary assessment of the information received under article 8 of the Optional Protocol, taking into account the information to be submitted by the OHCHR representative in the State party concerned.

6. The Working Group decided to hold its seventh session from 29 to 30 June 2017 in Geneva.
