

Recommendations

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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In this document are contained recommendations only mentioned in Section II "Conclusions and/or recommendations" of the Reports of the Working Group of session 2 and sorted by States submitting them:

ALBANIA

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To consider ratifying/ratify the First OP-ICCPR and the Second OP-ICCPR, the OP-CAT, the OP-CEDAW, and the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

ALGERIA

- **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**
- To raise the school attendance rate and develop facilities at the various levels of education, while favouring gender equality and access to education, with technical and financial assistance provided by the international community
- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To call for the international community to provide full technical and financial support as a way of improving the national machinery for the advancement of women
- To continue to give increased attention to the gender gap between girls and boys in their *advancement at all levels of education*
- **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**
- To take measures to protect and fulfil the rights of all women migrant workers and to ensure that they are not subjected to discriminatory practices

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To continue to spearhead progress toward gender equality and development for women in areas of education and employment
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To strengthen its efforts on gender issues
- **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**
- To persevere in punishing offenders of women's rights
- **To Sri Lanka – A/HRC/8/46**
- To give special attention to the rights of women and further promote education and development and their representation in politics and public life
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To enact laws to protect women in employment free from any form of discrimination
- To continue to promote its ambitious goals in education and improve the ratio of women in leading positions in the country
- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To enhance measures aimed at improving women's rights through education, in particular for the Roma and rural women

AUSTRIA

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To adopt concrete grassroots programmes to sensitize communities to abolish cultural practices which violate the human rights, life and dignity of women and young girls
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- Recommended that further measures be adopted to overcome stereotypes and to reinforce the implementation of constitutional and legal guarantees with a view to ensuring that all human rights of women are safeguarded throughout its territory
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- That the prohibition of discrimination be strengthened in the context of the current constitutional-review and furthermore that specific legislation be adopted to ensure the full implementation of CEDAW on the ground
- **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**
- To allocate sufficient funds for the implementation of the State Programme and establish training and awareness-raising projects for law enforcement officials dealing with victims of trafficking

BANGLADESH

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To continue improving the situation of women through “pro-women” policies

BELGIUM

- **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**
- As recommended by CEDAW, that a definition on discrimination against women in compliance with article 1 of CEDAW be adopted and that the fight against trafficking in foreign women be intensified
- **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**
- To step up its struggle against racism, inter alia through implementing the recommendations made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination concerning identity documents for Roma as well as those made by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Representation of Women in Public Services

BRAZIL

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To include a gender perspective and a rights-based approach in the implementation of its Rent Act (right to adequate housing) with the goal of overcoming gender-based inequalities
- **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**
- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To consider adhering to the optional protocol to CEDAW
- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To consider ratifying/ratify the OP-CAT and the OP-CEDAW
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To ratify ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW, OP-CEDAW and OP-CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

CANADA

- **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**
- To take the necessary measures to follow up on the recommendations of CEDAW, notably by enshrining gender equality in its Constitution and by criminalizing domestic violence, and to place particular attention on gender issues in the preparation of policies
- To sensitize the police, the judiciary, public administration and the general population to the importance of gender equality

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To introduce measures to eliminate or modify customs and harmful traditional practices that discriminate against women, eliminate FGM, put an end to harmful widowhood rites and implement protective measures for this group in relation to eviction and inheritance, and halt the practice of trokosi
- **To Guatemala – A/HRC/8/38**
- To implement fully the new law on femicide and ensure that the physical security of women is protected by implementing CEDAW recommendations
- **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**
- To better apply the existing laws concerning trafficking in children and human being
- To accelerate and strengthen its efforts to elaborate laws and policies to deal with female genital mutilation practices
- **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**
- That marital rape, child abuse and domestic violence be criminalized, perpetrators are prosecuted and sanctioned, human rights training be provided for officials dealing with instances of domestic violence and child abuse, and that child-sensitive procedures be adopted during criminal proceedings involving children
- To place special emphasis on women and children when formulating policies to protect the rights of migrant workers
- **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**
- To continue its efforts to promote the use of non-gender specific language
- To ensure that the revocation of the resident permits of married women who are victims of domestic violence is subject to a review and done only after a full evaluation of the impact on those women and their children
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To adopt measures to ensure that victims have access to protection and redress, that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished, and that gender sensitivity training be provided to relevant officials
- To repeal provisions of the Hadood Ordinances that criminalize non-marital consensual sex and fail to recognize marital rape
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To take measures to improve the situation of widows and girl orphans, including by ensuring protection of inheritance through enforcement of legislative provisions
- To improve access to anti-retroviral treatment for vulnerable groups, including women
- To take all appropriate measures to improve the situation of women's rights on the ground and retain in the draft Constitution currently under discussion both the provision on equality before the law regardless of sex and the provision prohibiting any law, culture, custom or tradition that undermine the dignity, welfare, interests or status of women

○ **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**

- To continue to take measures to reduce the incidence of violence against women and children, inter alia, by ensuring that law enforcement officials receive human rights training, and to fund recovery and counselling centres for victims of violence

- To continue the efforts to combat trafficking in persons with a special emphasis on women and children

○ **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**

- To take measures to criminalize domestic violence in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; to continue to fund and set up victim-centric services for women and children dealing with domestic violence

○ **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**

- To take additional measures to combat human trafficking, including the provision of training for police in dealing with victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse, and the implementation of a system of witness protection in cases of trafficking

○ **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**

- To organize an awareness-raising campaign on the illegality and the medical consequences of FGM

- To continue to encourage women to run for elections

- To take the necessary measures to implement the recommendations of CEDAW and the Human Rights Committee concerning violence against women and FGM

CHILE

○ **To Peru – A/HRC/8/37**

- To continue to implement its policies, plans and services to protect the advancement of women and to protect them against violence

CZECH REPUBLIC

○ **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**

- To adopt as a matter of priority legislative and other measures to guarantee gender equality and strengthen efforts to eradicate customs and traditions that discriminate women, and that the minimum legal age for marriage of girls is increased to 18 years

○ **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**

- To strengthen the funding for implementation of the 2007 Domestic Violence Act

- To further strengthen judicial structures, adopt measures against corruption in the judiciary and introduce more education and training for police, courts and social services to ensure their effective and appropriate reaction to all cases of domestic as well as other kinds of violence against women

- To adopt legislative and other necessary measures including awareness-raising campaigns against harmful traditional practices and stereotypes

○ **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**

- To ensure punishment for perpetrators of all violence against women and also thoroughly investigate and punish members and leaders of illegal jirgas for their calls to violence against women
- To continue with appropriate measures to eradicate discrimination and violence against women
- To adopt as a matter of priority further legislative as well as practical measures to raise public awareness about the laws, better train police and other authorities to deal appropriately and effectively with victims of sexual assault and other violence against women, ensure victims' access to justice and improve support services such as shelters and burn units for women
- To decriminalize adultery and non-marital consensual sex
- To prohibit in all circumstances the use of the provisions of the *Qisas* and *Diyat* law in cases of honour killings

○ **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**

- To ratify ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and CAT
- To amend legislation discriminating against women in the fields of inheritance, ownership to land and child support.

○ **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**

- To strengthen the national framework for the protection of human rights, including by the adoption of legislation especially for the protection of women and children
- To adopt legislative and other measures, including awareness-raising campaigns, to discontinue the existence of harmful traditions and practices undermining the equal enjoyment of human right by women; in particular to adopt and implement legislation prohibiting and criminalizing FGM as well as domestic and other forms of violence against women

DENMARK

○ **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**

- To reinforce measures to ensure that women are no longer subjected to forced marriage. This could be supported by developing and implementing comprehensive educational measures on the provisions of the Persons and Family Code and on other relevant laws

FRANCE

○ **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**

- To take the necessary measures in order to reinforce the campaign against discriminatory practices and violence against women

○ **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**

- To take the necessary steps to strengthen its fight against discriminatory practices and violence against women

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To encourage the continued taking of measures relating to discrimination against women in particular to raise the age of marriage to 18 for women as for men
- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To strengthen the efforts made to combat violence against women by way of information, prevention, protection of victims and punishment of the perpetrators
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To take the necessary steps to reduce discriminatory practices and violence against women

<u>GERMANY</u>

- **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**
- To accelerate the progress of legal reforms to eliminate discriminatory provisions, especially from the civil and criminal codes; and to increase efforts to amend legislation regarding gender equality in accordance with Gabon's international obligations, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**
- To withdraw the reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To undertake a comprehensive review and revision of all discriminatory legislation in order to achieve compliance with its obligations under CEDAW
- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To address the problems faced by women belonging to minorities
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To review all laws with the aim at eliminating all discriminatory norms against women

<u>GUATEMALA</u>

- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- That there should be awareness campaigns for education on human rights and in particular for women's rights

HUNGARY

○ To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36

- To take proactive measures to ensure the equality of women in all matters related to property inheritance
- To remove impediments women may face in gaining access to justice and take special measures, in collaboration with the CHRAJ, to enhance women's awareness of their rights, and legal literacy to claim their rights
- To take steps to address problems related to high illiteracy rates in certain parts of the country, as well as the gender gap between boys and girls in secondary and tertiary education

INDIA

○ To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41

- To consider the establishment of a national commission for women to facilitate a holistic consideration at the national level of issues related to women

IRAN

○ To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41

- Regarding trafficking of women and girls and their sexual exploitation, to formulate a comprehensive strategy, which should include measures of prevention, prosecution and punishment of offenders and increased regional and international cooperation

IRELAND

○ To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36

- To take necessary measures to ensure that the prohibition of FGM has the desired effect on the ground

○ To Mali – A/HRC/8/50

- To enact legislation prohibiting all forms of FGM

ISRAEL

○ To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48

- To consider signing and ratifying CEDAW and consider especially article 15 and 16 thereof which relate to the equal right of women to administer property and the equal rights of both spouses in respect of the ownership, acquisition, management, enjoyment and disposition of property

ITALY

○ To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36

- To effectively implement the 2007 Domestic Violence Act and strengthen the funding and improve the functioning of the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Units within the Police Service

- To take the necessary measures to prevent child abuse and neglect and investigate cases of domestic violence, ensuring that sanctions be applied to perpetrators
 - o **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**
- That the issue of improvement of women's rights be considered as one of the main priorities in the Government's human rights policies
 - o **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To take all appropriate measures to improve the situation of women's rights on the ground and retain in the draft Constitution currently under discussion both the provision on equality before the law regardless of sex and the provision prohibiting any law, culture, custom or tradition that undermine the dignity, welfare, interests or status of women
 - o **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To adopt and effectively implement measures to prevent and eliminate domestic violence against women
 - o **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To reinforce the measures to combat FGM

<u>JAPAN</u>

- o **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To continue to proceed with the work of reviewing and making necessary adjustments to relevant domestic laws and regulations for the prompt ratification of CEDAW
 - o **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To consider the practicability of enacting legislation prohibiting FGM

<u>JORDAN</u>

- o **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**
- To continue its efforts to further enhance the role of the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and of the national machinery for the advancement of women

<u>LUXEMBOURG</u>

- o **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To put an end to inequalities between men and women, including with respect to access to property
- To take effective measures to allow women, particularly in rural areas, to have access to health services, education, clean water and sanitation
 - o **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To establish legal equality between men and women with a view to abolishing any discrimination and all violence, including domestic violence suffered by women and girls, and legally ban FGM

MAURITANIA

○ **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**

- To give more importance to the schooling of girls in its education programmes, which would certainly contribute to combat female genital mutilation

MEXICO

○ **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**

- To consider harmonizing its civil and criminal codes with international human rights norms, particularly regarding marriage, family relations, patrimony and succession

○ **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**

- To continue to eradicate cultural practices that violated the rights of women and girls

○ **To Peru – A/HRC/8/37**

- To undertake legislative reforms to criminalize trafficking in persons, in accordance with the definition contained in the Palermo Protocol

○ **To Guatemala – A/HRC/8/38**

- To consider harmonizing Guatemala's civil and penal codes with international human rights norms, in relation to racial discrimination and gender issues

○ **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**

- To carry out public campaigns to make the provisions of the new legislation eliminating the Family Head System and establishing equal rights in the marriage more effective
- To strengthen legislation regarding domestic violence and to take measures to ensure access of migrants to services including access to the justice system

○ **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**

- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

○ **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**

- To continue with appropriate measures to eradicate discrimination and violence against women including domestic violence and to strengthen existing measures to thoroughly investigate crimes related to violence against women

○ **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**

- To train in human rights judges working in the local courts, administering Zambian customary law, in particular, in respect to the human rights of women and children and a gender perspective and to promote a flexible and effective system of reviewing sentences, so as to guarantee the due process of law

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To consider ratifying/ratify the OP-CAT, the OP-CEDAW and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **To Sri Lanka – A/HRC/8/46**
- To continue to strengthen its activities to ensure there is no discrimination against ethnic minorities in the enjoyment of the full range of human rights, in line with the comments of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To strengthen its efforts in bringing more equity in ensuring rights and opportunities of rural communities especially, ethnic minorities, women and children who live in those areas
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To take, together with sensitization and awareness-raising campaigns, the necessary legislative measures to prohibit FGM

<u>NETHERLANDS</u>

- **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**
- To strengthen efforts to guarantee equal opportunities in the labour market, in particular for women from minority groups
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To further step up its efforts to bring earlier national legislation in line with its international obligations, especially in the area of women's and children's rights, considering that article 116 of the Constitution gives precedence to international law
- To enact legislation prohibiting all forms of traditional practice of FGM in line with recommendations made by the Human Rights Committee, CEDAW and the Committee on the Rights of the Child

<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To continue with appropriate measures to eradicate discrimination and violence against women
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To consider developing a strategy that ensures that the experiences of community practitioners are taken into account in the development of its national strategies to improve health standards in maternal neo-natal and child health
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To ratify CEDAW

NORTH KOREA

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**

- To take concrete measures to address, once and for all, the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery and other violations committed in the past in other countries including Korea

PHILIPPINES

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**

- To continue with appropriate measures to eradicate discrimination and violence against women

PORTUGAL

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**

- To maintain its commitment to overcome barriers associated with deep-rooted tribal and traditional mindsets with regards to women's rights
- To follow up on the recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to withdraw its declaration to the effect that obligations pursuant to CEDAW are subject to the Constitution

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**

- To consider ratifying/ratify the OP-CEDAW
- To repeal all legal provisions that discriminate against women

- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**

- To enhance its policies regarding access to education, in particular for girls
- To ensure that laws combating FGM and forced marriages are compatible with its international human rights obligations and that resources are allocated, including through multilateral international cooperation, to fully implement such laws

SLOVENIA

- **To Gabon – A/HRC/8/35**

- To integrate, in a systematic manner, a gender perspective in the UPR follow-up process

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**

- To establish and implement concrete measures in conformity with CEDAW to modify and eliminate customs and cultural and harmful traditional practices that discriminate against women
- To effectively implement measures to harmonize norms of citizenship for foreign spouses to bring these norms in line with the CEDAW in the shortest time possible
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow up process to the UPR
- To effectively implement measures aimed at eliminating polygamy and bring the norms in line with the

CEDAW in the shortest time possible.

- **To Peru – A/HRC/8/37**
- To ensure that a gender perspective is fully integrated in the next stages of the review, including in the outcome of the Universal Periodic Review and that the gender perspective be systematically and continuously integrated in this follow-up process
- **To Guatemala – A/HRC/8/38**
- To follow up the CEDAW recommendation to Guatemala to ensure that indigenous women have full access to bilingual education, health services and credit facilities and to fully participate in decision making processes
- To ensure that a gender perspective is fully integrated in the next stages of the review, including the outcome of the UPR process
- **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review
- **To South Korea – A/HRC/8/40**
- To include a gender perspective into the UPR follow-up process in a systematic and continuous manner
- Noting that sexual crime is categorized as an offence that is subjected to investigation only upon complaint from the victim, it was recommended that this legal provisions be reviewed, along with other relevant provisions, in order to enhance protection of victims
- **To Switzerland – A/HRC/8/41**
- To fully, systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective into the follow-up process to the Universal Periodic Review
- To further address and enhance combating the root causes of discrimination, particularly of foreign migrant women, by removing legal and systemic obstacles to equal rights
- To take measures to prevent that migrant women who are victims of sexual and domestic violence or trafficking are at risk of deportation if such incidents are reported
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To take concrete steps to align the prohibition of discrimination with the prohibition contained in the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the Universal Periodic Review
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review
- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- To systematically and continually integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review

- **To Ukraine – A/HRC/8/45**
- To report regularly to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; to recruit more women for public office and to adopt measures requiring equal pay for equal work
- To include, systematically and continuously, a gender-perspective into the follow-up process to the Universal Periodic Review
- **To France – A/HRC/8/47**
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up to the UPR
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review
- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To systematically and continuously integrate gender perspective in the follow up process to the review
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To fully integrate a gender perspective in the UPR process, including the outcome of the review, in accordance with resolution 5/1

SOUTH AFRICA

- **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**
- To continue its acceleration of the poverty alleviation strategies with a view to allowing the economic emancipation of the poorer communities, including women and other vulnerable groups
- **To France – A/HRC/8/47**
- To take effective measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against immigrant women in accessing basic social services

SOUTH KOREA

- **To Japan – A/HRC/8/44**
- Respond sincerely to the recommendations of the United Nations mechanisms (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee against Torture) on the issue of “comfort women” during the Second World War

SWEDEN

- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To take measures to provide redress for crimes of honour killings, acid attacks and forced marriages

SWITZERLAND

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To strengthen its efforts in protecting women's rights
- **To Guatemala – A/HRC/8/38**
- To take all the necessary measures to fight against femicide and the lynching and killings of persons based on their sexual orientation
- To reduce illiteracy rates, in particular among women
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To do everything possible to prevent early and forced marriage and to recognize in its legislation rape within marriage
- **To France – A/HRC/8/47**
- To introduce automatic prosecution for all acts of domestic violence, if this is not already done
- To take into account the concerns of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women regarding the absence of an agency in charge of gathering information on violence against women, particularly regarding homicides in the context of family violence
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To ratify ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and CAT.
- To consider repealing the discriminatory practice in the inheritance laws
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To give high priority to reforming discriminatory legislation in order to adopt as soon as possible the draft family code, taking into account the recommendations made by CEDAW
- To adopt measures to combat violence, in particular through legislation defining and outlawing domestic violence, and by providing training to judges and civil servants and organizing awareness-raising programmes targeting society as a whole
- To promptly adopt appropriate legislation, which prohibits excision and all forms of FGM and ensures that all those responsible for excision are duly punished

TUNISIA

- **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**
- To continue its efforts to ensure greater promotion of the rights of women in particular those of girls in the areas of education and health care

TURKEY

- **To Peru – A/HRC/8/37**
- To expand the definition of violence against women in accordance with the recommendations of CEDAW
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To ratify ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and CAT
- To pursue its efforts in order to curb the violence against women
- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To adopt and effectively implement measures to prevent and eliminate domestic violence against women

UKRAINE

- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To continue to improve the protection and assistance to victims, as well as to raise public awareness on the risks of trafficking

UNITED KINGDOM

- **To Ghana – A/HRC/8/36**
- To take further steps to address discrimination against women and vulnerable groups, including children
- **To Guatemala – A/HRC/8/38**
- To take additional steps to combat the impunity which has contributed to the rise in femicide and the attacks on human rights defenders
- **To Benin – A/HRC/8/39**
- To take further steps to establish and implement laws against domestic violence and the trafficking of women and children, and to ensure that existing laws prohibiting female genital mutilation are reviewed and enforced throughout the country
- **To Pakistan – A/HRC/8/42**
- To undertake a comprehensive review and revision of all discriminatory legislation in order to achieve compliance with its obligations under CEDAW
- Recommended repealing Hadood and Zina Ordinances
- **To Zambia – A/HRC/8/43**
- That further measures be put in place to ensure that the cultural and traditional beliefs practiced in customary law applied by the Local Courts do not lead to discrimination against women
- **To Tonga – A/HRC/8/48**
- To ratify CEDAW

- **To Romania – A/HRC/8/49**
- To undertake further measures to improve sexual and reproductive health especially for marginalized groups
- **To Mali – A/HRC/8/50**
- To take further steps to combat all discriminatory and harmful cultural practices, including FGM, that prevent women and girls from enjoying their human rights