

## 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 1 and sorted by States submitting them:*

#### ALGERIA

○ **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To acknowledge the harm done to the victims of sterilization, in particular Roma, and to bring perpetrators to justice and provide reparations to the victims

- To adhere to the recommendation by CEDAW to closely monitor the effective implementation of the new legal framework in the Employment Act and Labour Code, provide anti-discrimination provisions for the advancement of women and minorities and ensure that the private sector fully abides by anti-discrimination laws

○ **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To continue its efforts, together with other signatories to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, to guarantee better accession; to follow up on measures to combat trafficking of migrants, in particular migrant women.

#### AUSTRIA

○ **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To use a comprehensive approach to the promotion of gender equality, in particular by adopting a comprehensive law on gender equality as recommended by the CEDAW

#### BANGLADESH

○ **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To address the issue of demand in the destination country in order to be successful in the fight against

trafficking in persons

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To take a comprehensive approach to combating trafficking in women and girls involving source, transit and destination countries

**BELARUS**

- **Philippines - A/HRC/8/28**

- To continue its successful policy in combating trafficking in human beings at the national level and to play a leading role at the international level on this matter

**BRAZIL**

- **Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- While recognizing the considerable progress made by Tunisia in the field of women's rights and gender equality, recommends the consideration of the withdrawal of reservations to CEDAW

- **India - A/HRC/8/26**

- To consider signature and ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To give consideration to the establishment and application of criteria for the information and consent of women prior to sterilization

**CAMEROON**

- **Poland – A/HRC/8/ 30**

- To intensify its efforts to fight against all forms of discrimination, be it racial, national or social, and to promote and protect dignity and equality which are the guiding principles of concrete and effective implementation of human rights

**CANADA**

- **Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To take further steps in combating trafficking in persons

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To review its Family Code to remedy provisions, which still represent discrimination against women regarding the issues of divorce and rape witnesses.

- To lift its reservations to CEDAW.

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- While commending the Government for the measures already taken in combating violence against women,

recommended that steps continue to be taken to follow up on the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee and CEDAW

- **South Africa - A/HRC/8/32**

- Recommended that concrete measures be taken to improve the handling by police of rape cases and to curb rates of violence, particularly against women and girls

- Recommended the implementation of the South Africa Law Reform Commission's proposals on the Criminal Law Amendment Act 2007, with a view to supporting and prosecuting complaints in court and to providing comprehensive State-funded post sexual assault medical care and treatment services

- Recommended South Africa to take measures to address inequities in access to HIV/AIDS treatment and support, particularly in rural areas

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To take further measures to follow up on the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee and CEDAW related to anti-discrimination legislation

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To pursue its effort to combat any kind of discrimination against women; to ensure redress for victims of domestic violence, as well as the prosecution of perpetrators as recommended by Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

<b><u>CUBA</u></b>
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- **Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To pursue its programmes and consolidated approach in the promotion and protection of all human rights including in the empowerment of women.

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To continue to promote the participation of women in the public and political life of the country until they have gradually achieved a level of gender equality

<b><u>EGYPT</u></b>
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- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To reconsider the legality of prostitution given its impact on the realization of a whole range of rights

<b><u>FRANCE</u></b>
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- **Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- It requested more information on reforms with respect to forced marriage, particularly on providing assistance to victims of forced marriage (not officially listed in the end of the Report of the Working Group).

## GHANA

- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To strengthen measures to increase the participation by ethnic minority women in line with CEDAW recommendations

## INDIA

- **United Kingdom- A/HRC/8/25**

- To set up a strategic oversight body, such as a commission on violence against women, to ensure greater coherence and more effective protection for women.

- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To consider implementing the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and CEDAW

## ITALY

- **Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To adopt appropriate measures to eradicate gender-based violence, particularly domestic violence

- **India -A/HRC/8/26**

- To strengthen human rights education, specifically in order to address effectively the phenomenon of gender-based and caste-based discrimination (on India)

- **Philippines - A/HRC/8/28**

- To establish an organic legal framework for eliminating gender-based discrimination and promoting gender equality

## MEXICO

- **Ecuador -A/HRC/8/20**

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- **Tunisia -A/HRC/21**

- While recognizing the considerable progress made by Tunisia in the field of women's rights and gender equality, recommends the consideration of the withdrawal of reservations to CEDAW

- **Finland - A/HRC/8/24**

- To continue to take effective measures to prevent violence against women

- **India - A/HRC/8/26**

- To take into account recommendations made by treaty bodies and special procedures, especially those relating to women and children, in developing a national action plan for human rights which is under preparation

- **Philippines - A/HRC/8/28**

- That national legislation and customs and traditional practices should be harmonized with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To consider withdrawing its reservation to article 2 of CEDAW

- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To review its legislation in order to protect fundamental rights of all persons, independently of their migrant status, and take necessary measures regarding discrimination against women refugees, migrants and women from ethnic groups, and to guarantee the integration of all women victims of trafficking

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To adhere to the recommendation by CEDAW to closely monitor the effective implementation of the new legal framework in the Employment Act and Labour Code, provide anti-discrimination provisions for the advancement of women and minorities and ensure that the private sector fully abides by anti-discrimination laws

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To take further steps to address all kinds of discrimination against women, children, minorities and indigenous peoples.

<b><u>NETHERLANDS</u></b>
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- **Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- To keep the Human Rights Council informed of new legislation on women domestic workers

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- Recommended the updating of legislation regarding the situation of women, such as the Family Code in the areas of divorce, testimony and inheritance.

- **South Africa - A/HRC/8/32**

- To take increased measures to protect and provide redress to women at risk of or subjected to gender-based violence

<b><u>NEW ZEALAND</u></b>
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- **Philippines - A/HRC/8/28**

- To continue to develop a gender-responsive approach to issues of violence against women and continue to build supportive environment for women and children within the judicial system; this environment should take into account the special needs for rehabilitation and post-conflict care of women and children in vulnerable situations and conflict areas

## NIGERIA

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To take initiatives to strengthen gender mainstreaming and women's rights.

## RUSSIA

- **Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- The draft law on the provision of citizenship to children where the father is not a Bahraini citizen would be considered a priority

- **Finland - A/HRC/8/24**

- To continue to take effective measures to prevent violence against women

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To acknowledge the harm done to the victims of sterilization, in particular Roma, and to bring perpetrators to justice and provide reparations to the victims

## SLOVENIA

- **Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- A gender perspective be included in the planning of the next stages, including the outcome of the review

- Initiating a public campaign with the view to removing reservations to CEDAW, ratifying the Optional Protocol and harmonizing national legislation with the Convention. Bahrain was invited to inform about plans in this regard

- **Ecuador - A/HRC/8/20**

- To include a gender-perspective in the follow-up process to the UPR review

- **Morocco - A/HRC/8/22**

- To communicate to the United Nations Secretary-General the withdrawal of its reservations to CEDAW (article 9, paragraph 2, article 16, paragraph 1 (h), and article 16, paragraph 2, as well as its declaration on article 15, paragraph 4)

- **Finland - A/HRC/8/24**

- To fully integrate a gender perspective into the follow-up process to the UPR review

- **United Kingdom - A/HRC/8/25**

- To integrate fully a gender perspective in the next stages of the UPR review, including the outcome of the review.

- **India - A/HRC/8/26**

- To fully integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the UPR

- To follow up on CEDAW recommendations to amend the Special Marriage Act in the light of article 16 and the Committee's general recommendation 21 on giving equal rights to property accumulated during marriage

- **Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- To integrate gender perspectives in the follow-up process to the UPR review

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To take steps to adopt a legal framework to protect children from trafficking and to define trafficking as a criminal offense under domestic law

- To integrate the gender perspective in the follow-up process to the UPR.

- What steps were taken towards the withdrawal of Algeria's reservations to articles 2 and 16 of CEDAW, which Slovenia considered contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention.

- **Poland - A/HRC/8/30**

- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review

- Recommended reinstating the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for the Equality of Men and Women or a similar governmental structure to serve as an effective mechanism at the highest possible political level for the promotion of gender equality and to coordinate the integration of gender perspective across all sectors

- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- Ensure the inclusion of a gender perspective as the follow-up to the UPR

- **South Africa - A/HRC/8/32**

- To systematically and continuously integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the UPR

- **Czech Republic - A/HRC/8/33**

- To integrate a gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To include a gender perspective in the follow-up of its UPR process in a systematic manner.

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

- **Netherlands - A/HRC/8/31**

- To accelerate efforts in increasing female representation in top positions in the senior public service to 25 per cent by 2011

## **SOUTH KOREA**

- **Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

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- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To continue its efforts, together with other signatories to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, to guarantee better accession; to follow up on measures to combat trafficking of migrants, in particular migrant women.

<b><u>SWEDEN</u></b>
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- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To review of domestic legislation to criminalize domestic violence.

<b><u>SWITZERLAND</u></b>
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- **Bahrain - A/HRC/8/19**

- It recommended that a non-discriminatory family code which, according to UNDP had been drafted in 2005, be adopted and enter into force without delay. It was further recommended that an extensive information campaign be undertaken once the code was adopted.

- **South Africa - A/HRC/8/32**

- To follow up on the recommendation made by the Committee against Torture to adopt all necessary measures to prevent, combat and punish violence against women and children

<b><u>SYRIA</u></b>
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- **Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To pursue its programmes and consolidated approach in the promotion and protection of all human rights including in the field of education, health and the promotion of the status of women

<b><u>UNITED KINGDOM</u></b>
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- **Brazil - A/HRC/8/27**

- While continuing its positive initiatives, invest more rigour in evaluating the outcomes of planned activities in many of these areas: prisons conditions, criminal justice system, juvenile justice system, violence and extrajudicial killings committed by state military police, torture, protection of human rights defenders, violence against women, indigenous communities, rural violence and land conflict, child and slave labour, impunity for those involved with human trafficking and corruption

- **Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- To strengthen its efforts to protect women's rights, including by addressing cultural and social barriers, as well as legal ones

- **Argentina - A/HRC/8/34**

- To take further steps to address all kinds of discrimination against women, children, minorities and indigenous peoples