

## Issues' Analysis

### -- Women's Rights – Session 1-8

#### Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Another prevalent topic on the issue of women's rights, **international instruments were the subject of 165 recommendations and 26 advanced questions**. Most of the questions and recommendations are aimed at encouraging states to ratify important Conventions like CEDAW, removing reservations that may impair women's rights and incorporating provisions from international instruments fully in domestic law. In fact, **89 of 165 recommendations asked SuR to consider ratification of international instruments**, and 34 asked for the removal of existing reservations. Recommendations were in the lines of "*ratifying the Optional Protocol to CEDAW and the Optional Protocols to CRC*" and "*Continue to incorporate CEDAW principles into its domestic legislation*". Brazil and Spain were the top recommending countries on the issue of international instruments, with 19 and 15 recommendations; the Netherlands were the country to ask more questions on the issue, 7 of them, followed by Norway with 5.

#### Advanced questions – International Instruments

1. Netherlands: 7 questions
2. Norway: 5 questions
3. Denmark: 4 questions
4. Sweden: 4 questions
5. United Kingdom: 4 questions

#### International Instruments – Top recommending states

1. Brazil: 19 recommendations
2. Spain: 15 recommendations
3. Slovenia: 13 recommendations
4. Canada: 11 recommendations
5. Argentina: 10 recommendations