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Special Decisions or Action Taken Concerning Reporting

CEDAW, A/63/38 part II (2008)

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Chapter VI: Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

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Request for long-overdue reports

419. The Committee reviewed the status of submission of reports by States parties (CEDAW/C/2008/II/2), as well as steps aimed at encouraging States parties to submit long-overdue reports. It recalled that it had requested 12 States parties with long-overdue initial reports to submit all these reports as combined reports by a particular date for consideration by the Committee at identified future sessions. It also recalled that the Committee had decided that failing receipt of the reports within the suggested time frame, and as a last resort, it would proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties concerned in the absence of a report (see A/62/38, part three, para. 675). Taking account of these decisions, the Committee decided to invite States parties whose initial reports have been overdue for more than five years to submit their overdue reports as a combined report within two years (Afghanistan, Djibouti and Solomon Islands) and States parties whose periodic reports have been overdue for more than 10 years to submit their overdue reports as a combined report within two years (Bulgaria, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and Zimbabwe). Failing receipt of the reports within the suggested timeframe, and as a last resort, the Committee would proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in those States parties in the absence of a report.

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