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Special Decisions or Action Taken Concerning Reporting

CEDAW, A/64/38 part I (2009)

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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

25. The Committee reviewed the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2008/III/2), as well as steps aimed at encouraging States parties to submit long-overdue reports. It recalled that it had requested 20 States parties with long-overdue initial reports to submit all those reports as combined reports by a particular date for consideration by the Committee at identified future sessions. The Committee also recalled that it 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.^{3,4} Taking account of those decisions, the Committee decided to invite three States parties whose periodic reports were overdue for more than 10 years to submit their overdue reports as a combined report within two years (Iraq, Sri Lanka and Uganda). Failing receipt of the reports within the suggested time frame, 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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³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/62/38)*, para. 675.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/63/38)*, para. 419.