

Concluding comments of the Committee

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provided for by the law; and that the penalization of consensual sexual relations among youth between 15 and 18 years of age be reconsidered. It also recommends that the State party consider the impact of the lack of retroactive applicability of the amendment to the Civil Code regarding joint ownership of acquired property on women, with a view to remedying the law's disadvantageous consequences for women who were married prior to its entry into force.

and men, in conformity with articles 2 (f) and 5 (a) of the Convention, including through awareness-raising and educational campaigns directed at both women and men, to foster a better understanding of, and support for equality between women and men at all levels of society. The Committee calls on the State party to carefully monitor the impact of such measures. It recommends that the media be further encouraged to project a positive image of women and of the equal status and responsibilities of women and men in the private and public spheres. The Committee also calls upon the State pa

State party to implement further targeted policies

health, employment and education, as well as various forms of violence committed against them.

· The Committee requests the State party to provide, in the next report, information on the actions taken to ensure the implementation of the constitutional amendment and new laws mentioned in paragraphs 17 and 18 above, as well as an assessment of their impact in enhancing the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and ensuring women's access to justice and redress in cases of violations. It recommends that the State party strengthen education and training programmes, in particular for judges, lawyers and law enforcement personnel, on the legislative reforms aimed at eliminating discrimination against women. The Committee also recommends that awareness-raising campaigns targeted at women be undertaken so that they can avail themselves of redress mechanisms.

· The Committee requests the State party to respond to the concerns expressed in the present concluding comments in its next periodic report under

de facto equality of women, as well as the further steps that are required in this regard. The Committee requests the State party to continue to disseminate widely, in particular to women's and human rights organizations, the Convention, its Optional Protocol, the Committee's general recommendations,