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Ms Mayanja has referred to the decision of the General Assembly concerning the Committee's meeting time. Resolution

paid to the Convention, and the Committee's concluding comments, by Member States as well as in some of the resolutions.

Allow me to highlight one of our technical cooperation activities, aimed at enhancing the implementation of the Convention at the national level. We were very pleased to collaborate with our colleagues in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of a sub-regional workshop on follow-up to concluding comments/ observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This work

gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. In preparation for these themes, the Division convened two expert meetings, in Addis Ababa, in October, and in Bangkok, in November. The Commission will also review its working methods, and develop a multi-year programme of work. It will consider the advisability of the appointment of a special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women, an issue to which you contributed your views at your last session.

This Committee has consistently endeavoured to ensure that the Convention, and your work, are fully taken into account in the intergovernmental process so as to strengthen a holistic approach to the promotion of gender equality. Your Chairperson regularly addresses the Commission, and as a Committee, you have submitted important statements as inputs to the work of the Commission. This year's topic, participation, is an issue that figures prominently in the Convention, is th