

INFORMATION NOTES TO NGOS

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN 36th SESSION, 7 to 25 August 2006 UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

Countries reporting

The Committee will examine the reports of the following 15 States parties: Cape Verde, China, Chile, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Georgia, Ghana, Jamaica, Mauritius, Mexico, Philippines,

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license or state non-driver's ID bearing a photograph, and appear in person at the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit, located at 801 United Nations Plaza at the corner of kt Avenue and East 45th Street. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Presenting NGO reports

In addition to attending the CEDAW session as observers, the Committee welcomes country-specific information from non-governmental organizations, in the form of alternative or shadow reports.

Representatives from NGOs also have the option of orally presenting country-specific information during the informal meetings with the Committee.

A) NGO reports

NGOs can submit their alternative reports to the CEDAW Committee prior to or at the session.

NGO representatives attending the session should bring a sufficient number of copies (i.e. at least 40) to the session itself, so that they can be distributed during the meeting of the Committee with NGOs.

NGOs not attending the session should send 40 copies to the Division for the Advancement of Women prior to the session, possibly by 1 August 2006.

NGOs can also send their alternative/shadow reports to IWRAW-Asia Pacific, a non-governmental organization, in advance of the session. IWRAW-Asia Pacific distributes NGO shadow reports electronically, and/or in hard copy to experts in advance of the session. IWRAW Asia-Pacific contact details are as follows: Wisma Dicklin, 80-B, Jalan Bangsar, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tel: (603) 2282 2255, Fax: (603) 2283 2552.

Website: www.iwraw-ap.org Email: iwraw-ap@iwraw-ap.org

B) Oral intervention

NGOs wishing to present information regarding the States that are being examined during the week of 7 August 2006 (China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ghana, Jamaica, Mauritius and