

# Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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### List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports

#### Nicaragua

The pre-session working group examined the sixth periodic report of Nicaragua (CEDAW/C/NIC/6).

#### Constitutional, legislative and institutional framework

1. Please provide an update on the status of the draft law on equal rights and opportunities (para. 36) and the plans for a family code (see paras. 35, 39 and 209 as well as para. 209 indicating that it has been awaiting adoption by the National Assembly for the past 11 years). The response should include information on their respective content, steps undertaken to reach consensus towards their adoption and the envisaged time frame for their adoption.

2. Please provide information on any temporary special measures adopted in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (article 4).

Ombudsman, have had “both direct and indirect effects on public institutions and civil society” (para. 34). Please provide further information on the mandate of the Special Procurator for Women, as well as activities undertaken and their effects.

5. The report draws attention to the 2000 Enhanced Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy, which also served as a basis for the national development plan. The plan also calls for the protection of the human rights of women (para. 49). Please provide further information about the Strategy and the plan. The response should indicate how those instruments integrate a gender perspective and contribute to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, how progress towards achievement of established goals in regard to gender equality is monitored, and results achieved so far.

### **Stereotypes and education**

6. In its previous concluding comments (A/56/38, paras. 294-295), the Committee expressed concern about the persistence of stereotypes concerning the roles of women in the family and in society, and recommended that an assessment of the impact of measures be undertaken in order to identify shortcomings, and to adjust and improve such measures accordingly. Please provide further details about the steps taken by the State party in response to the Committee’s recommendation, and in particular regarding whether an impact assessment was undertaken, and about any findings of such an assessment.

7. The report refers to the limited availability of data and the related difficulty in assessing progress in girls’ and women’s education (see para. 95). How does the Government intend to improve the collection of data in the field of education, including disaggregation by urban and rural areas and different ethnic groups, so as to increase its ability to design and implement targeted policies and interventions?

8. The report highlights the high drop-out rate of girls in primary and secondary education (see paras. 99 and 104). Please describe the measures undertaken by the Government to retain girls in, and encourage their return to school. In particular, has the Government considered increasing the mandatory age for school attendance, which currently is 12 years of age?

### **Health**

9. What concrete steps does the State party intend to take to increase access for women to health care generally, and to reproductive health, including family planning and post-abortion care? The response should cover such access also in regard to women in rural areas, including information for indigenous women and other women of racial minorities in their languages.

10. Please provide an update on the status of reforms of the Penal Code regarding the practice of abortion (see para. 151).

11. Kindly provide further information on the concrete measures undertaken by the Government to reduce the high rate of teenage pregnancy; the high rate of maternal mortality and of mortality due to unsafe abortion; and the high mortality rate for breast cancer and cervical cancer.

**Violence against women**

12. Please indicate whether any evaluation or research has been conducted concerning the effectiveness of the measures undertaken to prevent and address violence against women, including the impact of women's police stations (para. 215), and of the National Plan of Action for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (para. 217).

13. The report indicates that data on domestic violence is not disaggregated by sex and ethnicity, nor are data on violence in general (see table 5). What plans are in place to enhance the disaggregation, by sex of crime, of court and police data, and is there a time frame for putting in place such a system of data collection?

**Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution**

14. Nicaragua acceded to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, in October 2004. Please indicate legislative and other measures taken in preparation for, or in response to that accession. The response should include an update on the status of measures described in the report.

15. The report does not provide any indication of the prevalence of trafficking in women and girls, nor does it provide information on any court cases against traffickers. Please provide such information. The response should indicate the State



28. The report mentions that the Civil Code still contains discriminatory provisions in particular with regard to marriage and family relations (para. 204). Kindly indicate what obstacles prevent the Government from repealing such discriminatory provisions.

**Optional Protocol**

29. Please indicate any progress made with respect to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

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