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implementation of governmental policies and programmes related to gender equality.² In addition, please provide information on the involvement and employment of indigenous and other minority women in the National Gender Bureau.

5. Please provide further details on the implementation and outcome of the programmes under the Integrated Gender Plan of Action 2000-2005 and the Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan. Are the concerns of rural women and the racial minorities reflected in the Plan of Action?

Political participation and decision-making

6. The report states that the “greatest impediment to removing gender inequality is still the influence of the political parties in the national political culture in the nomination and selection of candidates for politico-administrative organs, high organs of State, diplomatic service and senior management positions in civil service” (p. 11). What is the Government doing to address this challenge?

7. The report states that “the participation of women in public and political life is still limited” (p. 15). Has the Government considered introducing temporary special measures in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention to improve women’s participation in political and public life, particularly at senior levels, including in the National Assembly, Government, diplomatic service and regional and local bodies? Do these measures extend to indigenous and other racial minority women?

Violence against women

8. The report refers to an assessment of four conventions that was published by the Ministry of Home Affairs and recommendations that were made in respect of violence against women, “namely that the Government should be involved more intensively with the problem of violence through regular public awareness activities, targeting young women and girls, and by setting up a database on domestic violence, so as to make an inventory of the phenomenon, together with the actors concerned, and make it possible to develop a proper approach” (p. 4). Please provide information on the implementation of those recommendations.

9. In its 2002 concluding comments, the Committee urged the State party to place high priority on measures to address violence against women in the family and in society in accordance with the Committee’s general recommendation 19 and the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women.³ Please provide information on the steps taken to implement the Committee’s recommendation and inform the Committee if the unique conditions that predispose rural, indigenous and other minority women to high levels of violence have been included in the Government’s initiative.

10. Has the law on domestic violence been finalized? If so, please provide details about its contents.

² Ibid., para. 46.

³ Ibid., para. 52.

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

11. The report states that a special committee will be formed to look into

18. The report states that since “women generally form part of the lower wage groups, ... [they] usually earn less than men” (p. 39). What measures are being taken by the Government to address this?

Health

19. The report states that “as far as access of women to medical services is

