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against Women**

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against Women
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Summary record (partial)*of the 1372nd meeting**

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Chairperson: Ms. Hayashi

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 5.40 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-second session

(CEDAW/C/2015/III/L.1; CEDAW/C/2015/III/CRP.1; CEDAW/C/LBN/CO/4-5, CEDAW/C/LBR/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/MDG/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/MWI/CO/7, CEDAW/C/PRT/CO/8-9, CEDAW/C/RUS/CO/8, CEDAW/C/SVK/CO/5-6, CEDAW/C/SVN/CO/5-6, CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/2-3, CEDAW/C/ARE/CO/2-3 and CEDAW/C/UZB/CO/5)

1. **Ms. Schulz** (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft report, which was contained in documents CEDAW/C/2015/III/L.1 and CEDAW/C/2015/III/CRP.1. She drew attention to chapter IV of the draft report concerning the draft concluding observations on the 11 State party reports that the Committee had considered during its sixty-second session, contained in documents CEDAW/C/LBN/CO/4-5, CEDAW/C/LBR/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/MDG/CO/6-7, CEDAW/C/MWI/CO/7, CEDAW/C/PRT/CO/8-9, CEDAW/C/RUS/CO/8, CEDAW/C/SVK/CO/5-6, CEDAW/C/SVN/CO/5-6, CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/2-3, CEDAW/C/ARE/CO/2-3 and CEDAW/C/UZB/CO/5.

2. **The Chairperson** said that she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the documents containing the draft concluding observations.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Ms. Schulz** (Rapporteur) introduced the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, contained in chapters VI and VII of the draft report. She also introduced the provisional agenda for the sixty-third session, contained in the draft report.

5. *The provisional agenda for the sixty-third session was adopted.*

6. *The draft report of the Committee on its sixty-second session was adopted as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

Statement by the Chairperson

7. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee had considered 11 State party reports during the session. It had held informal meetings with NGOs and national human rights institutions and attended several lunchtime briefings organized by NGOs, which had made significant contributions to the Committee's work.

8. Thanks were due to the United Nations entities and other bodies that had provided the Committee with detailed information, including the inter-agency group on reporting, which coordinated the submission of country-specific information by United Nations country teams, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

9. The Committee had made satisfactory progress with the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, in particular through its decisions on enhanced coordination by country rapporteurs, which sought to further enhance the structure of dialogues. She wished to thank the working group on working methods and, in particular, its chair, for the progress made.

10. Among the highlights of the current session was the panel discussion to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), with the theme "Connecting CEDAW and the women, peace and security agenda". The event had greatly helped to raise the Committee's profile and to place general recommendation No. 30 higher on the women, peace and security agenda. Furthermore, significant progress had been made on general recommendation No. 34,

on rural women. Once adopted, the recommendation would represent a milestone in the promotion and protection of the human rights of that very large and disadvantaged group of women.

11. The session had been overshadowed by the terrible attacks in Paris, in Beirut, on the Russian plane in Egypt and in Mali, which had shocked the entire Committee. She wished to thank Committee members for stepping in for the follow-up on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the concluding observations on Lebanon and showing their solidarity with Ms. Ameline and Ms. Haidar.

12. The Committee had made good progress by adopting decisions on individual communications and also working on a number of pending inquiry proceedings and submissions. The diligent work by the Rapporteur and alternate Rapporteur on follow-up had enabled it to adopt five follow-up assessments. It had also been able to adopt a very timely statement on the situation of women in the refugee crisis. She was grateful to all the experts for their hard work, including the country rapporteurs, who had guided the Committee's dialogues with the representatives of the States parties, drafted the concluding observations and prepared the Committee's first-ever list of issues prior to reporting, to be transmitted to Belarus.

Closure of the session

13. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the sixty-second session closed.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.