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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cape Verde to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to transmit to the Government the advance unedited English version of the list of issues and questions in relation to the combined seventh and eighth periodic reports of the Republic of Cape Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/Q/7-8) to be considered by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at the fifty fifth session, which is scheduled to be held from 8 to 26 July 2013 (venue to be confirmed).

The edited and translated version of the list of issues and questions will be available shortly on the website of OHCHR at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/cedaws55.htm>. Should your Government wish to receive an electronic copy of this document, kindly send your request to the CEDAW Secretariat (Ms. Irene del Pilar Sandoval at idelpilarsandoval@ohchr.org, copy to Mr. Bradford Smith at BSmith@ohchr.org).

With respect to the list of issues and questions, the responses by the State party should be submitted in both **hard copy** and **electronic (Word) formats** to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais Wilson, 52 rue des Pâquis, 1201 Geneva 10, by **16 January 2013 at the latest** to allow sufficient time for translation into the working languages of the Committee. The Secretary-General would also like to draw the Permanent Representative's attention to the fact that translations into languages cannot be guaranteed for replies submitted following the above deadline. If problems are foreseen in this regard, it is suggested that the Permanent Representative contact the CEDAW Secretariat at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Committee would like to highlight that the States party's replies to its lists of issues and questions should be precise and brief, and **should not exceed 25 pages**. States parties may attach a limited number of additional pages of statistical data only.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of the opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cape Verde to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurance of his highest consideration.

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

Cape Verde

The pre-session working group examined the combined seventh and eighth periodic report of Cape Verde (CEDAW/C/CPV/7-8).

Constitutional, legislative and institutional framework

1. The report indicates (para.89) that at the time of the preparation of the report, the State party was in the process of reviewing its Constitution with a view to the “deepening principles of gender equality”. Please provide updated information on the constitutional review process.
2. The report indicates that in 2007 the Council of Ministers approved the National Plan to Combat Gender-based Violence for 2007-2011. Please provide information on the assessment of the implementation of this National Plan, including on how all forms of violence were covered. Please also provide information on whether it has been extended beyond 2011.
3. The report indicates (para.130) that at the time of its preparation, the State party was in process of implementing the first phase of the project known as Project + Gender, which aims to introduce gender-sensitive planning and budgeting. Please provide updated information on the implementation of the project.
4. It is indicated at para.93 of the report that the National Plan for Gender Equality (PNIEG) for 2005 – 2011 has been implemented. Please provide information on the outcomes and challenges faced during the implementation and whether this Plan has been extended beyond 2011.

National Human Rights Institutions

5. Please inform whether the State party envisages establishing a national human rights institution endowed with the mandate to promote and protect all human rights in line with the Paris Principles. Please also provide information on the plans to strengthen the mandate and functional capacity of the National Commission for Human Rights and Citizenship.

Violence against women

6. The report indicates (para.155) that the Project on Forensic Psychology, aimed at strengthening the capacity of magistrates when dealing with cases of gender based violence, has been implemented. The report further states that 50 magistrates were trained in the area of forensic psychology and 26 forensic psychologists were accredited to work directly with the courts. Please provide information on the number of prosecutions, convictions, and sentences in cases of gender-based violence that have been dealt with since the implementation of this project and also provide information on the forms of violence detected.

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

7. The report (paras.174&175) makes reference to the UNODC regional project "Project to Update National Legislation in light of UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime". Please provide information on the outcomes of this project and the challenges faced during its implementation. Please also inform whether legislation on illegal trafficking of human beings, including migrants, with a gender prospective, has been drafted and whether relevant capacity building for officials has been carried out as envisaged by the project.

Participation in political and public life

8. The report indicates (para.46&47) the representation of women in the following areas as: 15.2% in the Parliament, 22.2% in the municipal power, 21.7% in the governing bodies of political parties and 20.8% in employers' organizations. The report further acknowledges (para.190) that the representation of women at the highest level of the State party's diplomatic corps is still low. Please provide information on measures taken, including temporary special measures, to increase women's participation in all areas of political and public life, including their participation in diplomatic and international affairs.

Education

9. According to the report (para.33), although the literacy rate of women in the country has improved, it remains very low among rural women (64.1%). Please provide information on measures taken, including temporary special measures, to address this issue.

10. The report acknowledges (para.215) that the gender stereotypes in education, including in vocational education, persist, as girls usually attend the areas of studies related to accounting, business administration, business management and graphic arts while more boys attend the areas of electric installations, civil constructions, electricity and mechanisms. Please provide information on measures taken to implement the Committee's recommendation to encourage the diversification of the educational choices of boys and girls in order to attract more women in the field of science and technology, including through adoption of temporary special measures.

11. The report states (para.223) that the "2001 Guidelines for better management of the issue of pregnancy in schools" have been revoked and that from the beginning of the academic year 2010/2011 new regulations were to be applied, and that these reconcile pregnancy and motherhood with studies. Please provide detailed information on these new regulations and the impact of their application on pregnant girls' education.

Employment

12. Although section 16 of the new Labour Code provides that all workers have the right to fair remuneration according to the nature, quantity and quality of work, the principle of equal remuneration for work of equal value is not provided for in this new code. Please provide information on whether the State party envisages amending its Labour Code with a view of incorporating the principle of equal remuneration for work of equal value.

Health

13. The report indicates (para.265) that women continue to be more exposed than men to sexually transmitted infections due to deep-rooted stereotypes that result in their inability to negotiate safe sex. Please provide information on measures in place to raise awareness among women and men in the area of reproductive health rights, particularly with regard to the use of and access to contraceptives.

14. The report acknowledges (para.38) that tuberculosis has relatively high incidence rates (around 60 per hundred thousand inhabitants), and that this is mainly attributable to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Please provide information on measures taken to combat tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

Rural women

15. The report states (para.298) that according to the Agricultural Census of 2004, "women are strongly present as unpaid family workforce, particularly in dry land properties, while permanent paid workforce in irrigated farms is predominantly male". The report also indicates (para.259) that the coverage of health services in the rural areas is lower than in the urban areas. Please provide information on measures taken to improve the situation of rural women in all areas particularly regarding their equal access to paid jobs and to the enhancement of their economic independence and access to health facilities.

Marriage and family relations

16. In its previous concluding observations (para.34), the Committee requested the State party to take measures aimed at eliminating polygamy. The report is silent on this issue. Please provide information on measures taken to address polygamy in the State party.

17. The report indicates (para.334) that at the time of its preparation, the State party was in the process of drafting of a National Plan for the Family and was carrying out a research on the status of Cape Verdean families with a view to formulating objectives and measures that would be implemented. Please provide information on the current status of this National Plan, its content and the status of implementation.

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1

18. Please indicate any progress made towards acceptance of the amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention, relating to the Committee's meeting time.