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Since its early sessions, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has invited non-governmental organizations to follow its work. In order to ensure that it is as well informed as possible, the Committee and the pre-session working group invite representatives of national and international non-governmental organizations to provide country-specific information on States parties whose reports are before it. The Committee and the pre-session working group also provide an opportunity for representatives of non-governmental organizations to provide oral information. The Committee encourages international non-governmental organizations and United Nations organizations, funds and programmes to facilitate attendance at Committee sessions by representatives of national non-governmental organizations.

The Committee welcomes country-specific information from non-governmental organizations, in the form of alternative or shadow reports. NGOs can submit their

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NGOs are encouraged to submit their alternative/shadow reports or other country-specific information already to the pre-session working group that prepares the list of issues and questions for each reporting State scheduled to be considered at a session. NGO representatives attending the pre-session working group should bring at least 15 copies for distribution at the meeting of the pre-session working group with the NGOs. NGOs not attending the pre-session working group should send at least 15 copies of their information to the Division for the Advancement of Women, preferably at least one week prior to the beginning of the session of the pre-session working group.

The Division for the Advancement of Women draws attention to its website for detailed information on past and upcoming sessions of the Committee, in particular States that are scheduled to report, as well as for session-specific information addressed to NGOs and others interested in following the Committee's work (see "Participants Information Note" on the session page). The Division does not send letters of invitation to NGOs or individuals to attend Committee sessions or pre-session working groups.

The Division makes available reports/information received from NGOs to Committee experts at the beginning of the session/pre-session working group. The Division does not copy reports/information received from NGOs or distribute such information in advance of Committee sessions or those of the pre-session working group. NGOs not attending a session/pre-session working group are urged to ensure that the requisite number of hard copies of their reports/information reach th