



The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) will convene its 33rd session in New York, USA, from 5 to 22 July 2005. The Committee will examine the reports of the following eight States parties: *Benin, Burkina Faso, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Gambia, Guyana, Ireland, Israel and Lebanon.*

Republic of Korea, Romania and Singapore. For more information, please see: [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/members](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/members).

### **CEDAW concluding comments**

During its sessions the CEDAW Committee considers reports of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Following such consideration, the CEDAW Committee formulates its concluding comments that assist the State party in the further implementation of the Convention. These concluding comments outline positive aspects, principal subjects of concern and the Committee's suggestions and recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the State party. The concluding comments can provide guidance on the issues for the next periodic report. The concluding comments of the CEDAW Committee as well as other country information are available online: [www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm)

**CEDAW Committee**  
The CEDAW Committee consists of 23 members, serving in their personal capacity. In 2005 the members of the Committee are from Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, China, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal,

photograph will be required of all applicants at the time of first issuance. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays (closed 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Fridays.

### *Presenting NGO reports*

The CEDAW Committee welcomes information from non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In addition to attending the CEDAW session as observers, NGO representatives can submit alternative and shadow NGO reports to the CEDAW Committee members, and can present information during the informal meetings of the CEDAW Committee members with NGO representatives.

During the 33rd session, NGOs will have the opportunity to address the CEDAW Committee on 5 July 2005 and on 11 July 2005. NGOs wishing to present information regarding *country reports being examined during the week of 5 July* will be able to address the CEDAW Committee on 5 July 2005 from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. NGO representatives wishing to speak on *the remaining country reports* will be able to do so on 11 July 2005 from 15 0 TD(r)Tj 13 0 TD(y)Tj 24 0 TD( )Tpn

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