



NOTE VERBALE

Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Representatives of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and has the honour to refer to the letter – dated 24 July 2020 – sent by H.E. Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovakia, on the matter of holding elections for 11 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose term expires on 31 December 2020.

OHCHR has continued to consult with relevant United Nations departments to identify a suitable date for the holding of the above-mentioned elections through an in-person meeting.

Following consultation with the Permanent Representative of Slovakia, Chair-Designate of the 21st Meeting of States Parties to the CEDAW, OHCHR has the honour to inform States Parties that, pending final approval of all arrangements by the Division of Healthcare Management and Occupational Safety, the above-mentioned elections are scheduled to be held on Monday 9 November 2020 through an in-person meeting at the United Nations General Assembly Hall.

Once all necessary approvals have been obtained, OHCHR will send a new communication, informing of all practical arrangements for the holding of this meeting.

OHCHR wishes to note that, in keeping with established practice and rules of procedure, delegations will only be allowed to vote if they have submitted the requisite credentials to the Secretariat. Delegations are therefore invited to submit, by 12.00 pm on 6 November 2020 at the latest, a scanned copy of the credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or other communications (such as letters and notes verbales from the Permanent Missions) containing the names of its representatives to the 21st Meeting of States Parties to the CEDAW through the on-line platform “e-Credentials” which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal (<http://delegate.un.int>). In case of difficulty in accessing the portal, delegates can send a



scanned copy of the credentials to OHCHR by email at newyork@ohchr.org. Due to risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, States Parties are furthermore kindly requested to bring the original hard copy of the formal credentials to the conference room on the day of the meeting only. States Parties are requested not to mail in or hand-deliver formal credentials ahead of the meeting.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of States Parties to the CEDAW the assurances of its highest consideration.

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New York, 23 October 2020

Permanent Representatives of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women