

Summary of CEDAW Committee recommendations (2008) to the UK government

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Further develop collaboration with NGOs, including consultation	9		4										U				-							Tem					
Consult and collaborate with women's and human rights organisations in the formulation of single equality legislation	14																						X				X X		
Incorporate the provisions of the Convention into single equality legislation	14		v			X																	v						
Give "priority attention" to the concerns and recommendations in CEDAW's concluding observations	12		A V			A V																	Λ						
Disseminate CEDAW's concluding observations throughout government	12		A Y			A Y																							
Develop and fully implement a national strategy on the implementation of the Convention, including a monitoring mechanism	16		X			X																							
Raise public awareness of (including training) of the Convention, Optional Protocol and general recommendations amongst all branches of government, public bodies, women, judicial officers, judges, lawyers and prosecutors	16		X			X										X													
Raise awareness and provide educational campaigns, particularly in the public sector, on substantive equality "that goes beyond equality of opportunity and same treatment"	18		X			X							X	X															
Targeted prevention programmes addressing the causes of women's offending	20																				X								
Intensify efforts to introduce alternative sentencing, community interventions etc for women offenders	20																				X						X		
Develop gender-sensitive policies, strategies and programmes for women in prisons	20		X											X							X								
Ensure young women offenders are not be held in adult prisons	20																				X							X	
Increase educational, rehabilitative and resettlement programmes for women in prisons	20							X													X							Λ	
Ensure adequate health, including mental health, services for women in prisons	20														X						X								
Establish small custodial units and community services for women offenders	20																				X						X		
Establish separate women's facilities for women offenders, particularly in Northern Ireland	20																		X		X								
Implement temporary special measures to accelerate women's de facto equality in all areas	22		X																					X					
Include provisions that will encourage temporary special measures in the public and private sectors in equality legislation	22		X										X										X	X					
National machinery to give priority attention to discrimination against women and gender equality and given adequate resources to do so	24		X										X	X															
Ensure that NGOs are able to effectively contribute to the implementation of the Convention	26																										X		
Provide increased and sustained funding to NGOs involved in women's rights	26																										X		
Ensure that the Gender Equality Duty is interpreted and applied properly so that women-only services and other activities of women's organisations are not negatively impacted upon	26												X	X													X		
Conduct an assessment of the impact of commissioning on funding to women's organisations	26																										X		
Include information on funding to women's organisations in the next report to CEDAW	26																										X		
Strengthen policies and implement awareness-raising and educational campaigns, specifically those directed at the media and advertising agencies, to eliminate stereotypes regarding the roles of women and men in society and in the family	28																X												
Encourage the media to project positive images of women, including minority ethnic, disabled and elderly women	28				X		X										X			X									

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Encourage the media to promote the value of gender equality for society as a whole	28		X											-			X							Ξ <u></u>					
Review measures taken to tackle stereotyping of women, assess their impact, take appropriate action and include this information in the Government's next report to CEDAW	28																X												
Implement fully the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act	30				X							X																	X
Implement fully and widely disseminate guidelines on forced marriage	30				X							X																	X
Expand public awareness raising campaigns about forced marriage	30				X							X																	X
Establish additional counselling and other support services for victims of forced marriage	30				X							X															X		X
Enhance cooperation with and support for NGOs working on forced marriage	30				X							X															X		X
Assess the impact of the minimum age limit for overseas spouses or fiancés to prevent forced marriage and review the policy in light of findings	30			X	X							X																X	X
Fully implement legislation prohibiting female genital mutilation (FGM), including prosecution of perpetrators	32				X						X				X													X	X
Expand training activities and programmes for public officials, particularly those in law enforcement and health and including the British Medical Association, to ensure they are sensitised to the issue of FGM and can provide adequate support to victims	32				X						X			X	X	X												X	X
Increase efforts to design and implement targeted FGM prevention strategies and education and awareness- raising programmes	32				X						X				X													X	X
Give priority attention to the adoption of comprehensive measures to address violence against women	34																												v
Fully implement legislation on violence against women, as well as the prosecution and conviction of perpetrators	34															X													X
Adopt and implement a unified and multifaceted national strategy to eliminate violence against women and girls, which would include legal, education, financial and social components	34							X	X					X		X												X	X
Expand training activities and programmes for parliamentarians, the judiciary and public officials, particularly law enforcement personnel and health-service providers, so as that they are sensitised to all forms of violence against women and can provide adequate support to victims	34													X	X	X													X
Expand public awareness-raising campaigns on all forms of violence against women and girls	34																											X	X
Establish of additional counselling and other support services for victims of violence, including shelters	34																										X		X
Enhance its cooperation with and support, in particular adequate and sustained funding, for NGOs working in the area of violence against women	34																										X		X
Introduce legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children in the home	34																											X	X
Address not only criminal justice measures and the prosecution of traffickers, but also the protection and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking victims, including those who do not cooperate with the authorities	36			X												X		X							X				X
Give consideration to granting victims of trafficking indefinite leave to remain	36			X														X							X				X
Increase cooperation with countries of origin, transit and destination in order to prevent trafficking, to bring perpetrators to justice and to improve re-integration programmes to prevent victimisation	36			X												X									X				X
Increase the number of women in political and public life, at all levels and in all areas, and include benchmarks and concrete timetables	38																					X							
Introduce temporary special measures to strengthen its efforts to promote women to positions of leadership	38																					X		X					
Increase the availability of training and capacity-building programmes for women wishing to enter or already in public office	38								X													X							
Enhance awareness-raising campaigns on the importance of women's participation in political and public life	38																					X							
Fully implement Security Council resolution 1325 in Northern Ireland	38																		X			X							
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Use temporary special measures to ensure equal opportunities for women and men in the labour market	40								X															X					
Take proactive and concrete measures to eliminate occupational segregation	40								X																				
Take proactive and concrete measures to close the pay gap between women and men, including through the introduction of mandatory pay audits	40								X																				
Assist women and men to reconcile family and professional responsibilities and promote equal sharing of domestic and family tasks by providing more and improved childcare facilities amongst other things	40								X	X																			
Encourage men to share responsibility for childcare, including through awareness-raising activities and by taking parental leave	40								X	X																			
Continue efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancies, including through improvements in the availability and affordability of sexual and reproductive health services, as well as family planning information and services	42							X							X													X	
Increase knowledge of, and access to, affordable contraceptive methods	42							X							X													X	
Widely promote sex education targeted at adolescent girls and boys	42							X			1				X													X	
Initiate a process of public consultation in Northern Ireland on the abortion law	42	X													X				X										
Give consideration to the amendment of the abortion law in Northern Ireland so as to remove punitive provisions imposed on women who undergo abortion	42	X													X				X										
Monitor the delivery of health services in order that it may respond in a gender-sensitive manner to all health concerns of women	42		X											X	X														
Ensure that all health policies and programmes integrate a gender perspective	42		X											X	X														
Study the effect of the application of the Family Law Act (1996) on the economic situation of women upon divorce	44								X	X						X													
Assess the effectiveness of current regulations in protecting the property rights of women upon the break-up of marriage or of de facto unions	44								X	X						X													
Include information on the research undertaken (on the application of the Family Law Act (1996) and effectiveness of current regulations in protecting the property rights of women), as well as the results, in its next periodic report	44								X	X						X													
Intensify efforts to prevent and eliminate discrimination against ethnic and minority women	46				X																								
Be proactive in its measures and to raise ethnic minority women's awareness of the availability of social services and legal remedies	46				X											X													
Take effective measures, including temporary special measures, to increase the participation of ethnic and minority women in the labour market	46				X				X															X					
Take effective measures, including temporary special measures, to increase the participation of ethnic and minority women in political and public life	46				X																	X		X					
Take concrete measures to address the high maternal mortality rate in traveller communities, including the allocation of adequate resources to increase access to affordable health services, particularly pre-natal, post-natal and obstetric services, as well as other medical and emergency assistance	46				X										X											X			
Implement targeted and culturally-appropriate strategies and programmes, including preventive and interventional, to address mental health issues faced by women of different ethnic and minority communities	46				X										X														
Monitor the impact of measures taken and results achieved in both the public and private sectors in preventing and eliminating discrimination against ethnic minority women and to report thereon in its next periodic report	46				X																								
Conduct regular and comprehensive studies on intersectional discrimination against ethnic minority women, to collect statistics on their situation in employment, education, health and public life, and to submit such information in its next periodic report	46		X		X			X	X						X							X							
Review the 'no recourse to public funds' policy to ensure the protection of and provision of support to victims of violence	48			X	X													X											X

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Take effective measures to eliminate discrimination against immigrant and refugee women, both in society at large and within their communities	48			X	X																								
Keep under review and carefully monitor the impact of its laws and policies on women migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers with a view to taking remedial measures that effectively respond to the needs of those women	48			X	X											X													
Pay specific attention to the vulnerability of women asylum-seekers while their claims are under examination	48			X	X											X													
Ensure the full implementation of the Asylum Gender Guidelines in regards to women asylum-seekers	48			X	X									X		X													
Fully implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which reinforce the provisions of the Convention, and include information on this implementation in the next periodic report	49		X			X																							
Integration of a gender perspective and explicit reflection of the provisions of the Convention in all efforts aimed at the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and requests the State party to include information thereon in its next periodic report	50		X			X								X															
 Ratify the treaties to which it is not yet a party, namely the: International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance 	51			X		X	X		X																				
Widely disseminate CEDAW's (2008) concluding observations	52					X																							
 Strengthen dissemination, in particular to women's and human rights organisations, of the following: The Convention CEDAW Optional Protocol CEDAW's general recommendations Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action The outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" 	52		X			X								X													x		
 Provide, within one year [August 2009], written information to CEDAW on the steps undertaken to implement their following recommendations (from paragraphs 14 and 16): Incorporation of the Convention's provisions into single equality legislation Consult and collaborate with women's and other organisations on the formulation of the single equality legislation to raise awareness and broaden understanding of the Convention and the principles of equality and non-discrimination Develop and fully implement a national strategy and policy for the realisation of the Convention Take concrete measures to ensure the Convention and its Optional Protocol are widely known Raise public awareness of (including training) the Convention, Optional Protocol and general recommendations amongst all branches of government, public bodies, women, judicial officers, judges, lawyers and prosecutors 	54		X			X								X		X							X				X		

• Full text of the (2008) concluding observations of the Committee: <u>http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/docs/co/CEDAW-C-CAN-CO-7.pdf</u>

• UK report and Shadow Reports to the Committee (2008): <u>http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/cedaws41.htm</u>

• WRC's response to CEDAW, visit: <u>www.wrc.org.uk/CEDAW</u>