Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
General discussion on the protection of women’s human rights in conflict and post-conflict contexts
New York, 18 July 2011 (10:00 – 13:00)

PROGRAMME

10:00 Introductory remarks
  - Ms. Silvia Pimentel, Chairperson, CEDAW Committee

Opening remarks
  - Mr. Ivan Simonovic, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships, UN Women

Introduction of the General Recommendation on the legal protection of women in conflict and post-conflict situations
  - Ms. Pramila Patten, Member of CEDAW, Chair of CEDAW WG on women in conflict and post-conflict situations

Key note speakers

10:30 Ms. Margot Wallström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
10:40 Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
10:50 Ms. Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences
11:00 Mr. Juan Mendez, Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
11:10 Ms. Jessica Neuwirth, Coordinator of the High-Level Panel on Remedies and Reparations for Victims of Sexual Violence in the DRC

11:20 Oral Statements
  - Anne Marie Goetz, Chief Advisor (OiC), Governance Peace and Security, UN Women
  - Soon-Young Yoon, UN representative, International Alliance of Women
  - Caroline Hames, Global Alliance against Traffic in Women
  - Margaret Owen, Widows for Peace through Democracy
  - Katherine Prizeman, Global Action
  - Myra Kovary, IDA
  - Ambika Satkunanathan, Women and Media Collective
  - Suraiya Kamaruzzaman, Flower Aceh
  - Aziza Khalikdi, Association Najdeh
  - Sanja Sarnavka, B.a. B.e “Be active. Be emancipated”
  - Kumidini Samuel, Development alternatives with women for a new era, DAWN
  - Sabin Shrestha, Forum for Women, Law and Development
  - Wathshlah Naidu, IWRAW Asia Pacific
- Munara Beknazarova, Open Line
- Julia Kharashvili, IDP Women’s Association ‘Consent’ in Georgia
- Anna Talbot, Amnesty International
- Sally Kader, US Federation for Middle East Peace
- Kala Swarnakar / Durga Sob, Minority Rights Group International (TBC)

12:50 Wrap up and closing remarks

- Ms. Pramila Patten, Member of CEDAW, Chair of CEDAW WG on women in conflict and post-conflict situations
- Ms. Silvia Pimentel, Chairperson, CEDAW Committee