Treaty bodies’ elections in figures

In the latest Secretary-General’s report on Promotion of equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies, the Secretary-General notes with satisfaction that as of 1 January 2021, there is an overall improvement in gender representation of men and women in the composition of the treaty bodies and strongly recommends that States parties ensure the equal representation of women and men in the human rights treaty body membership through their nomination of candidates and voting.\(^1\)

The graph below shows improvement made by States parties when proposing women and men for candidates as members of the treaty bodies. The figures of the latest elections showed the number of men and women proposed for membership almost reached parity.

The charts below reflect the efforts made by States parties to propose more women as candidates for membership of the treaty bodies during the last five elections. However, the biggest disparity remains for the candidates proposed for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on Migrant Workers.

\(^1\) A/76/262, para. 26