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Introduction

1. In its resolution 47/94 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly recommended that the sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be scheduled, whenever possible, to ensure the timely transmission of the results of the Committee's work

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seventeenth meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies; and the sixtieth session of the General Assembly (Third Committee).

18. The Committee discussed and took the following action to enhance its working methods under article 18 of the Convention.

1. Extension of the Committee's meeting time

19. The Committee expressed its disappointment at the lack of action taken by the General Assembly, at its fifty-ninth session, in regard to the Committee's request to put in place sh 702 Tm(h)Tj 1.01018 0 08

The Committee reiterates these concerns and urges the State party to proceed without delay.

3. Country task forces

21. The Committee used a country task force to review the report of one reporting State (periodic report). It agreed to use country task forces for the consideration of two reports at the next session. It agreed that, for the time being, it will use country task forces on a case-by-case basis, and in a flexible manner.

4. Consideration of the implementation of the Convention

22. The Committee reiterated its incremental steps to encourage States to fulfil their reporting obligations. It also reiterated its recommendation on the implementation of the Convention in the absence of a delegation, as a last resort and in the presence of a delegation.

23. ~~The~~ Committee recalls

receiving the most up-to-date information in reports prepared by the Secretary-General rather than having them available six weeks prior to the session. It therefore

Summary of the activities of the Committee concerning the in

Annex I

that the Platform for Action gave unprecedented attention to the human rights of women and to the Convention

Annex II

Statement by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in regard to the tsunami disaster that occurred in South-East Asia on 26 December 2004

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shares the expressions of support and solidarity that have been offered by so many around the world t