

Islands District Council
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**An outline of the topics to be covered in the fourth report
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
under the Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Introduction

The Government is preparing for the submission of the fourth report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (“the Convention”). It will form part of the ninth report of the People’s Republic of China under the Convention.

2. In accordance with the established practice, we have prepared at **Annex A** an outline of the report. It sets out the broad subject headings and individual topics that we plan to cover in the report. We will invite members of the public to submit their views on the implementation of the Convention in respect of those topics, and to suggest any additional topics that should be included in the report.

3. We will consider carefully all the comments and suggestions that will be received. Any persons or organisations wishing to offer views are invited to send them to the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on or before **30 April 2018**:

by post: Team 2, Labour and Welfare Bureau
Central Government Offices
10/F., West Wing
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
by fax: 2501 0478
by e-mail: cedaw_consultation@lwb.gov.hk

4. It is voluntary for members of the public to supply their personal data upon providing views on this outline. The submissions and personal data collected may be transferred to the relevant Government bureaux and departments for purposes directly related to the preparation of the report and subsequent follow-up actions relevant to the report. The Government bureaux and departments receiving the data may only use the data for such purposes.

5. The names and views of individuals and organisations who/which put forth submissions in response to this outline (“senders”) may be published for public viewing or otherwise made available for public inspection, including being uploaded to the Internet. We may, either in discussion with others, whether privately or publicly, or in any subsequent report, cite comments submitted in response to this outline.

6. To safeguard senders’ data privacy, we will remove senders’ relevant data (other than names), such as residential/return addresses, email addresses, identity card numbers, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers and signatures, where provided, when publishing their submissions.

7. We will respect the wish of senders to remain anonymous and/or keep the views confidential in part or in whole. If the senders request anonymity in the submissions, we will remove their names when publishing their views. If the senders request confidentiality, their submissions will not be published. Otherwise, we may publish the name and the views if need be.

8. Any sender providing personal data to this Bureau in the submission will have rights of access and correction with respect to such personal data. Any requests for data access or correction of personal data should be made in writing through the channels mentioned in paragraph 3 above to the Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (2C).

9. The text of the Convention is available on the LWB website: http://www.lwb.gov.hk/UNCEDAW/documents/CEDAW_E.pdf.

10. References to “the previous report” are to the third report of the HKSAR submitted by the Central People's Government in 2012 and considered by the United Nations (“UN”) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (“the Committee”) in October 2014. A copy of the previous report is available on the LWB website: http://www.lwb.gov.hk/UNCEDAW/documents/CEDAW_3rd_report_E.pdf. References to “the second report” are to the report of the HKSAR submitted by the Central People's Government in 2004 and considered by the Committee in August 2006, available at: http://www.lwb.gov.hk/UNCEDAW/documents/CEDAW_2nd_report_E.pdf.

pdf. References to “the initial report” are to the report of the HKSAR submitted by the Central People's Government in 1998 and considered by the Committee in February 1999, available at: http://www.lwb.gov.hk/UNCEDAW/documents/CEDAW_1st_report_E.pdf.

The Report

11. The fourth report will mainly consist of –
 - (a) information/explanations about any significant developments since the submission of the previous report in 2012;
 - (b) updates of developments that were ongoing when the Committee considered the previous report in 2014 and in respect of which we undertook to inform the Committee of future progress or outcomes; and
 - (c) responses to the concerns and recommendations made in the Committee’s concluding observations on the previous report (“the Concluding Observations”)(reproduced at **Annex B**).
12. In suggesting additional topics to be included in the report, please indicate why those issues are significant and relevant to the application of the Convention in the HKSAR. Respondents may also set out their views on the Government's performance in handling such issues.

Part I: Common Core Document of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

13. This part of the report contains information of a general and factual nature relating to the implementation of the human right treaties applicable to the HKSAR.

Part II: Treaty-specific Document in relation to each of the Articles in the Convention

14. This part of the report contains specific information relating to the implementation of Articles 1 to 16 of the Convention in the HKSAR.

15. Both parts of the report follow the UN Guidelines on the Form and Content of Reports to be Submitted by States Parties to the International Human Rights Treaties. The Guidelines are available at http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/TB/HRI-GEN-2-REV-6_en.doc. The harmonized reporting guidelines on a common core document (Chapter I) are at pages 3 to 25. The treaty-specific reporting guidelines on the Convention (Chapter V) are at pages 64 to 70.

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