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**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women**  
Pre-session working group for the thirty-second session  
10-28 January 2005

**List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration  
of periodic reports**

**Italy**

**Introduction**

The pre-session working group examined the combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Italy (CEDAW/C/ITA/4-5).\*

**General**

1. Please provide information on the process of preparation of the report, including whether non-governmental organizations, particularly women's

The report does not provide information on developments in the implementation of articles 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 of the Convention since the consideration of the third periodic report. In accordance with the reporting guidelines of the Committee, please provide information on progress made and the current implementation of each of these articles or, alternatively, please indicate whether there is nothing new to report under these articles since the consideration of the last report.

3. Please provide information on the implementation of constitutional and legislative guarantees of gender equality, including details of any court cases which have been filed by women who face discrimination.

4. The report, on pages 19 and 20, discusses "positive action" to increase the number of women in public life. Kindly indicate what is meant by the term "positive action" and whether the term is used as a synonym for temporary special measures

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\* References to page numbers of the report are based on the English text.

under article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation 25.

5. Kindly describe the responsibilities of various ministries, including those of the Ministry for Equal Opportunities, for implement

10. In its previous concluding comments, the Committee noted with concern the absence of efforts or programmes to encourage Italian men to share in domestic

18. Please provide information on the impact of the privatized health system on the cost of medication and health care and, in particular, the measures the Government is taking to combat the negative impact this may have on the health of women.

to enhance their de facto equality in all sectors, including in employment, health, education and participation in decision-making, and to ensure their protection from