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law (paras. 61 and 102). Please provide detailed information on the nature and extent of women's poverty in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the measures that have been taken to counter them and any progress achieved in combating women's poverty. In particular, provide information on specific efforts taken to ensure that women solely responsible for their families benefit from the public distribution system for delivery of food and essential goods.

Article 3

5. As the state institution primarily responsible for the implementation of the Convention and the advancement of women's rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, does the National Coordination Committee for the Implementation of the Convention intend to introduce a national plan of action or policy for women to facilitate implementation of the Convention and the Beijing Platform for Action? In addition to the drafting of the report and dissemination of the Convention, please provide detailed information on the activities of the National Coordination Committee to date and the training this body has received on the Convention.

Article 11

17. The Law on Sex Equality of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea provides that women shall have equal rights with men to labour (article 3) and in all spheres of economic life (article 1). Please indicate the existence and operation of an informal sector and the level of women's participation in this sector. Please also describe any measures that are planned or in place to ensure women's equal access to professions and to encourage women to seek employment in non-traditional sectors.

18. Please explain the process by which the State a

