

Positive aspects

5. The Committee commends the State party on the elaboration of the State Concept for Gender Equality, which the Committee hopes will lead to concrete actions for the promotion of gender equality in Georgia. The Committee notes the intention of the State party to elaborate and adopt in the next six months the Gender Equality National Action Plan for the implementation of the State Concept for Gender Equality.

6. The Committee welcomes recent legislative initiatives and related activities aimed at addressing violence against women, including the adoption of the Law on the Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection and Assistance of the Victims of Domestic Violence of June 2006, and the Law on Combating Human Trafficking of April 2006, as well as the adoption of the National Action Plan against Human Trafficking and the establishment of the inter-agency commission for the coordination of activities against human trafficking and efficient implementation of the action plan.

7. The Committee welcomes the State party's continued collaboration with women's non-governmental organizations in the elaboration of plans and other activities aimed at eliminating discrimination against women and promoting gender equality. The Committee hopes such collaboration will continue and be enhanced in all areas, including in the elaboration of laws and in the assessment of plans and programmes.

Principal areas of concern and recommendations

8. While recalling the State party's obligation to systematically and continuously implement all the provisions of the Convention, the Committee views the concerns and recommendations identified in the present concluding comments as requiring the State party's priority attention between the present time and the submission of the next periodic report. Consequently, the Committee calls upon the State party to focus on those areas in its implementation activities and to report on action taken and results achieved in its next periodic report. It calls on the State party to submit the present concluding comments to all relevant ministries and to Parliament so as to ensure their full implementation.

9. The Committee regrets the limited availability of statistical data disaggregated by sex as well as by ethnicity, age, and by urban and rural areas, which makes it more difficult to assess progress and trends over time in the actual situation of women and in their enjoyment of their human rights in regard to all areas covered by the Convention.

10. The Committee calls upon the State party to enhance its collection of data in all areas covered by the Convention, disaggregated by sex as well as by ethnicity, age and by urban and rural areas as applicable, so as to assess the actual situation of women and their enjoyment of their human rights, and to track trends over time. It also calls upon the State party to monitor, through measurable indicators, the impact of laws, policies and action plans and to evaluate progress achieved towards realization of women's de facto equality. It encourages the State party to use those data and indicators in the formulation of laws, policies and programmes for the effective implementation of the

information on women's health, including the rates and causes of morbidity and mortality of women, contraceptive prevalence rates, abortion rates and diseases affecting women and girls, including cancer, as well as information on women's access to health-care services, including family planning and services directed towards cancer prevention.

31. The Committee is concerned about the lack of information on the situation of rural women and ethnic minority women in the areas covered by the Convention.

32. **The Committee requests the State party to provide, in its next report, a comprehensive picture of the de facto situation of rural women and ethnic minority women in all areas covered by the Convention. The Committee also requests the State party to include in its next report information on marriages in Georgia involving girls under 18, and on the prevalence of the abduction of women for purposes of marriage, particularly among ethnic minority women.**

33. **The Committee urges the State party to utilize fully, in its implementation of the obligations under the Convention, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which reinforce the provisions of the Convention, and requests the State party to include information thereon in its next periodic report.**

34. **The Committee also emphasizes that a full and effective implementation of the Convention is indispensable for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It calls for the integration of a gender perspective and the explicit reflection of the provisions of the Convention in all efforts aimed at the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and requests the State party to include information thereon in its next periodic report.**

35. **The Committee notes that States' adherence to the seven major international human rights instruments¹ enhances the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms in all aspects of life. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Government of Georgia to consider ratifying the treaty to which it is not yet a party, namely, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.**

36. **The Committee requests the wide dissemination in Georgia of the present concluding comments in order to make the people of Georgia, including Government officials, politicians, parliamentarians and women's and human rights organizations, aware of the steps that have been taken to ensure the de jure and de facto equality of women, as well as the further steps that are required in that regard. The Committee requests the State party to continue to disseminate widely, in particular to women's and human rights organizations, the Convention, its Optional Protocol, the Committee's general recommendations, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled**

¹ The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

“Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”.

37. The Committee requests the State party to respond to the concerns expressed in the present concluding comments in its next periodic report under article 18 of the Convention. The Committee invites the State party to submit its fourth periodic report, which is due in November 2007, and its fifth periodic report, which is due in November 2011, in a combined report in 2011.
