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## Participation of women in public life and decision-making

12. The report indicates that, despite the introduction of Law No. 2910/2001, which provides for the one-third participation of each gender as candidates in the prefectural and municipal elections, the percentage of female candidates elected at the prefectural and municipal levels in 2002 was 12 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively. Please indicate the causes and what actions are being taken to implement Law No. 2910/2001, and whether any further measures are foreseen to ensure greater participation of women in prefectural and municipal politics. Please indicate what special measures are put in place to ensure the participation of Roma women.

13. The statistics provided in the report indicate that women remain underrepresented in Parliament (p. 57) and in higher levels of the judiciary (p. 61) and that the "percentage of women's participation ... is particularly low in higher ranks" of the diplomatic field (p. 66). Please indicate what the fundamental causes are for this situation and whether any specific measures, including temporary special measures and timetables, have been put in place to increase the number of women in all areas of decision-making, including in the foreign service.

## Violence against women

14. The Committee in its previous concluding comments, the Committee Against Torture (CAT/C/CR/33/2, para. 5(k)), the Human Rights Committee (CCPR/CO/93/GRC, para. 7) and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (R/C.12/1/Add.97, para. 37) have all expressed concern regarding the State party's lack of specific legislation regarding violence against women and specifically the absence of domestic violence and marital rape provisions. Please indicate whether the Working Committee formed by the General Secretariat for Gender Equality has proposed "proper legislative measures" (p. 4). Moreover, if any such proposal/s exists, please provide detailed information regarding the contents of any proposal.

15. Please describe any measures taken by the Government to address the issue of violence against Roma women and girls.

16. In its previous concluding comments, the Committee urged the State party to "take all necessary measures, including introducing specific legislation, in order to empower women to take action wi1D0.0171ing a r0166 Tc03t0171 Tc

"organizational operational weaknesses", the current status of the network and any assessment of its effectiveness.

27. Please indicate what steps have been taken by the Government to achieve the targets of the Mediterranean Network for Women Who Face HIV Infection programme, as referred to on pages 80 and 81 of the report, and how progress is monitored and evaluated.

## Minority women

28. The report provides limited data and information about the situation of Roma women and girls or about measures in place to enhance their employment, health, housing, educational situation and participation in decision-making and to ensure their protection from violence (pp. 82, 85, 88, 93). Kindly provide further information regarding the situation of Roma women and girls, including any measures taken, such as awareness-raising programmes, to sensitize public opinion at large, and particularly the police, about the situation of Roma women and girls.

29. In its previous concluding comments, the Committee urged the State party to accelerate its efforts aimed at improving Muslim women's education and employment opportunities (A/57/38, para. 296). The report indicates that two studies have been undertaken by the General Secretariat for Gender Equality and the Research Centre for Gender Equality (K.E.T.H.I.): Family Legal Relations of Greek Muslims, Thessaloniki 2001, and Muslim Women: a study and recording of needs, working out of proposals. Please provide information on the findings of these studies and indicate whether any action has been taken in response to the findings.

## **Optional Protocol**

30. Please provide information about steps taken to publicize the Optional Protocol, which Greece ratified in 2002.

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