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**THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND
THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)**

**Training Workshop on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women: Implementation and Follow-up of Concluding Comments**

Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 November 2006

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 6 November 2006

Centre Point Hotel

Petchburi 15 Road, Bangkok

6 pm	Registration
7 pm	Welcome drinks (own account)

Tuesday 7 November 2006

8.00 – 9.00 am	Opening statements
9.00 – 9.30 am	Context of the workshop and objectives; Introductions and expectations
9.30 – 9.45 am	Tea/coffee
9.45 am – 12.00 pm	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: an overview of the reporting process and follow up to concluding comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Convention, concluding comments and general recommendations of the Committee▪ Concluding comments: implementation and follow-up

- The roles of different stakeholders in implementation and follow-up:
 - The State/Government
 - Parliamentarians
 - Civil society/NGOs
 - International and regional organizations, including United Nations regional commissions, specialized agencies, funds and programmes
- Relationship between the Convention and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals

Ms. Victoria Popescu, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

12. 00 – 1.30 pm

Lunch

1.30 – 5.30 pm

Parallel thematic working groups on implementation of the concluding comments

Participants will be divided into three working groups with the following themes:

- Violence against women, including trafficking in women
- Equality and non-discrimination: education and stereotypes
- Equality and non-discrimination: employment

Each working group will be given a set of concluding comments from one of the countries represented at the workshop and asked to identify (i) concerns and recommendations of the Committee relating to their working group theme; (ii) measures that may be taken to implement the recommendations; (iii) challenges to implementation as well as good practice examples; (iv) various stakeholders that may be involved in implementation and strengths and capabilities of each stakeholder; and (v) measures to enhance cooperation and coordination among the stakeholders.

Each working group will appoint a rapporteur to report back to plenary for a maximum of 10 minutes.

Wednesday 8 November 2006

8.00 – 9.45 am

Report-back from working groups and discussion

Facilitator: Ms. Victoria Popescu

9.45 – 10.00 am

Tea/coffee

10.00 – 11.30 am

The Optional Protocol and discussion

- History of the Optional Protocol and its role in enhancing women's rights
- The complaints procedure
- The inquiry procedure
- The role of NGOs and members of Parliament

Ms. Rosario Manalo, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

11.30 – 1.00 pm

Lunch

1.00 - 5.00 pm

Parallel country groups on implementation and follow-up of concluding comments: drafting a national strategy

Participants will be divided into 6 country groups (each group consisting of all the participants from a particular country) and tasked with drafting a national strategy to implement the concluding comments issued to their particular country using the analytical framework developed in the previous working group. Such strategy shall include consideration of (i) various measures to implement concluding comments (such as legislation, policies, programmes and services); (ii) the timeline for implementation; (iii) identification of resources needed to implement the measures; (iv) mechanisms for effective collaboration among the various stakeholders and for monitoring of implementation; and (v) preparation of next report.

Each working group will appoint a rapporteur to report back to plenary.

Thursday 9 November 2006

8.00 – 10.00 am

Report back from country groups and discussion

Facilitator: Ms. Rosario Manalo

10.00 – 10.15 am

Tea/ coffee

10.15 – 11.15 am

Presentation by UN country team members on opportunities for follow-up to the Committee's recommendations

11.15 – 1.30 pm

Adoption of recommendations and workshop evaluation and closure