

**Statement by the
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
on United Nations reform
pertaining to the gender equality structure**

The Committee has taken a consistent interest in the question of United Nations reform and in particular the discussion pertaining to the strengthening of the architecture for gender equality and empowerment of women. It notes that as of 1 January 2008, the Committee's servicing will be transferred from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for the Advancement of Women to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee is of the view that strong institutional linkages need to be safeguarded as well as reinforced between the Committee and the Division for the Advancement of Women, as well as any future United Nations gender equality architecture. The Committee emphasizes that the full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women should be made an integral part of the work of any gender equality structure within the United Nations reform process.