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Discrimination against Women**
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**List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of
periodic reports***

Israel

The pre-session working group, having examined the third periodic report of

mutilation, honour killings and polygamy" (para. 178). Please provide statistical data on those practices, as well as on measures taken by the Government for their elimination.

Violence against women

5. The report describes a number of legal and administrative measures on violence against women, but provides limited information on the efficacy of these

Participation in public life and decision-making

11. Please provide information on what measures have been taken since the consideration of the State party's previous report to increase women's participation in public life and political decision-making, including the adoption of any temporary special measures in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and the Committee's general recommendation 25.

12. In its previous concluding comments, the Committee remarked (para. 158) on the concentration of power in the armed forces due to the ongoing conflict, and noted that owing to women's poor representation in senior positions, their perspectives on peacekeeping and negotiations were not utilized. Similarly, the report states (p. 66) that women serve far more months in a lower post before receiving promotions, compared with their male counterparts. Please provide information on what measures have been taken to address this disparity and to promote greater female participation in the army's senior ranks.

13. The report notes that Arab women have significantly lower levels of participation in all spheres of public life and decision-making — the judiciary, the legislature, law enforcement, the civil service, and the private sector. Please provide updated statistical data regarding Arab and Jewish women's participation in these fields, and comment on what measures have been taken to increase the active participation of Arab women in each of them.

Education and stereotypes

14. The report, in reference to article 5 of the Convention, provides source data on women in the media profession, but does not provide information on addressing prevalent stereotypes or the traditional roles and responsibilities of women and men. Please explain any challenges the State party faces in ensuring compliance with articles 5 (a) and 2 (f) of the Convention, and measures taken to overcome them.

15. In its previous concluding observations (CRC/C/SR.833), the Committee on the Rights of the Child noted its concern regarding "the serious deterioration of access to education of children in the occupied Palestinian territories as a result of the measures imposed by the Israeli Defense Forces, including road closures, curfews and mobility restrictions, and the destruction of school infrastructure". Please provide the Committee with statistical data on education of girls in the Occupied Territories and measures that have been ta

what is being done to ensure ready access to basic resources such as electricity, food and water within these same communities.

24. The report states (p. 155) that "an astoundingly low percentage of Arab women are treated by female doctors", and acknowledges Arab women's consequent reluctance to consult a family doctor or specialist, even when medical attention is necessary. Please provide information on efforts to increase the number of Arab women in tertiary education, especially in medicine and health sciences, so as to increase, within time bound-targets, the number of Arab women doctors.

Rural and vulnerable women

25. Please provide comprehensive information on the implementation of article 14 of the Convention with respect to Bedouin women and girls.