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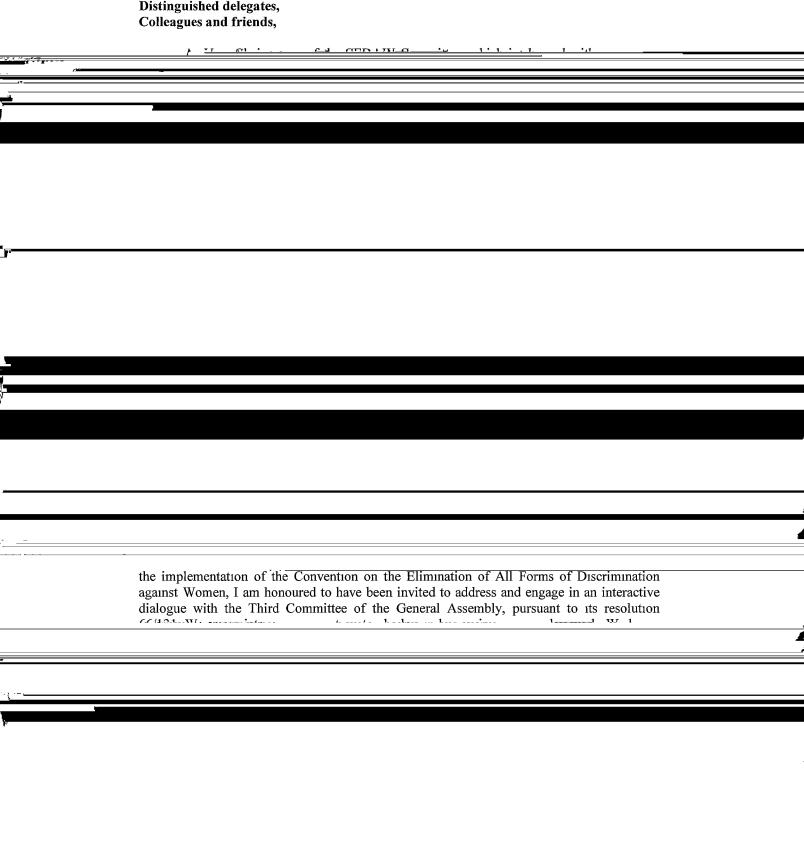
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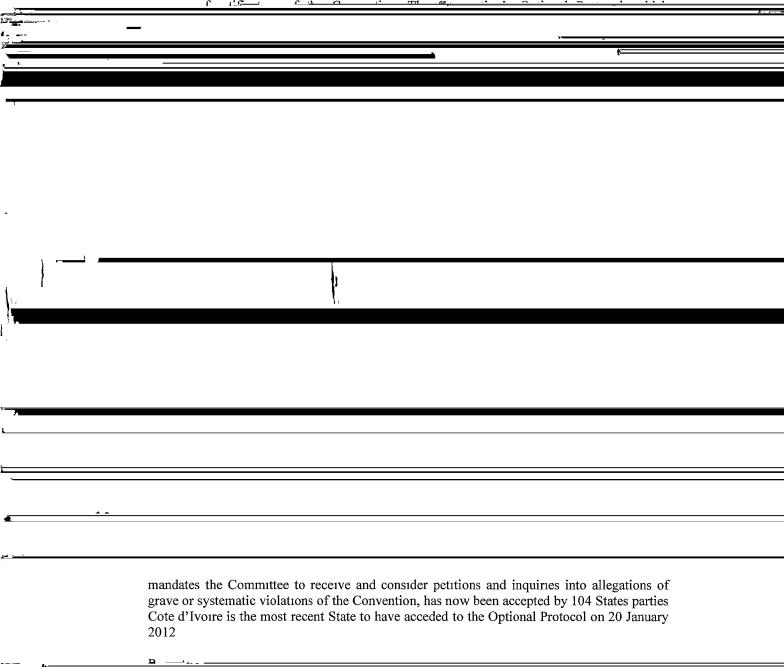


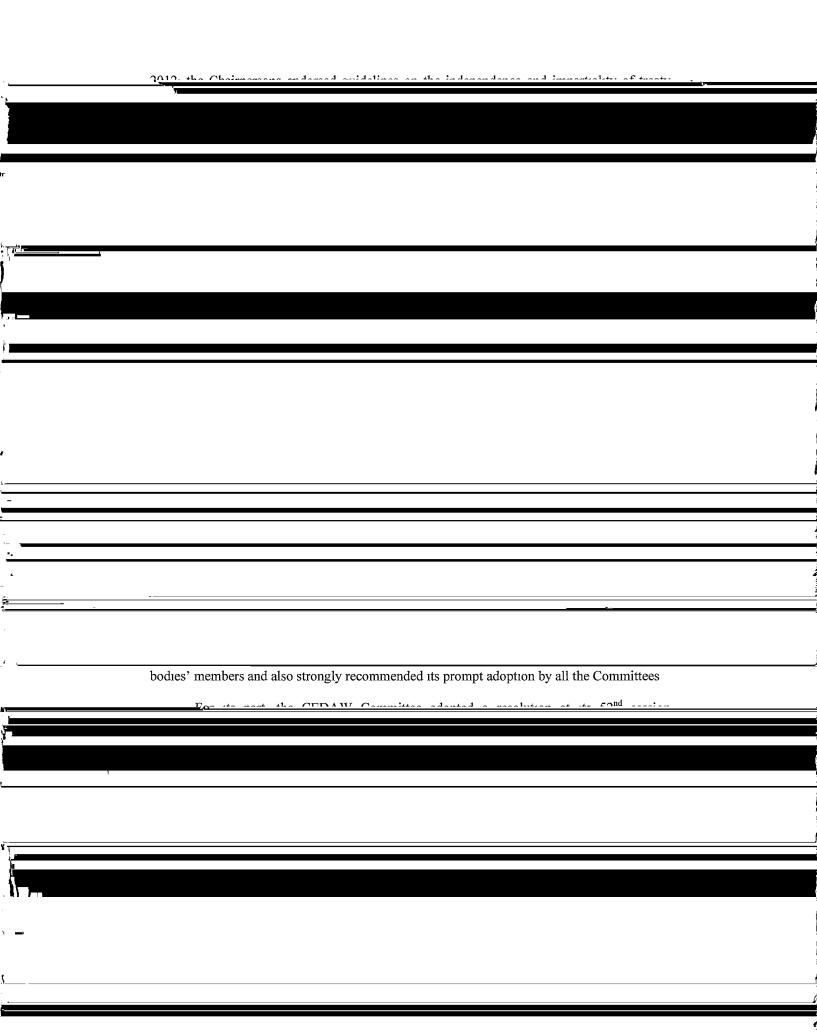
We are fully aware of the constant challenges that concern all of humanity, including women's access to justice, to education, to health, and to decision-making positions in the political sphere. The recognition and promotion of the rights of women in the world should be the active principle of the development of modern societies

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Status of the Convention and Optional Protocol

Turning to the status of the Convention and its Optional Protocol, I note that 187 States are party to the Convention. We encourage the remaining States to join the global





On 20 July 2012, the Committee has been informed by the High Commissioner that the Committee's July session would be moved from New York to Geneva The Committee is concerned about the serious detrimental impact of this decision on its interactions with key

of non-discrimination and substantive equality that underpins the Convention, and the concept of intersecting forms of discrimination.

The Committee's jurisprudence under the Optional Protocol is an emerging area of importance. The views of the Committee have been influential in the creation of an international women's human rights jurisprudence, with the Committee's jurisprudence being used increasingly in regional human rights courts, such as the European Court of Human

Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights One recent case has been referred to as a landmark decision as it represents the first case on maternal mortality decided by a treaty body.

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Activities of Committee Members

Committee members have as usual been very active in promoting the Convention and women's issues through speaking at numerous United Nations and non-United Nations fora.