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CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ON 18 DECEMBER 1979

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20, PARAGRAPH 1

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 16 December 1994, the Governments of Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden notified the Secretary-General of their proposed amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the above-mentioned Convention.

The text of the said notification reads as follows:

(Original: English)

"On behalf of the Governments of the five Nordic Countries and in accordance with the procedures referred to in article 26 of the Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women we hereby request a revision of article 20, paragraph 1 of the said Convention.

The proposal for revision of article 20, paragraph 1 is that in article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention the words 'normally meet for a period of not more than two weeks annually in order' be deleted and replaced by the following words 'meet annually for a period necessary'."

The proposals for how this amendment might be considered are attached.

(Signed) Bent Haakonsen  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Denmark

(Signed) Gunnar Palsson  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Iceland

(Signed) Wilhelm Breitenstein  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Finland

(Signed) Hans Jacob Biørn Lian  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
of Norway

(Signed) Peter Osvald  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Sweden"

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned



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ATTACHMENT TO THE LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1994 SIGNED  
BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE NORDIC COUNTRIES  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Nordic Governments propose, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, that the States parties to the Convention decide on the procedure for considering the amendment sought to article 20 paragraph 1 of the Convention, including by stipulating the conditions necessary for adoption of an amendment and for its entry into force. This decision could be taken on the basis that:

If an amendment is adopted by the majority of States parties present and voting at the meeting, it shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval, and that, if so adopted, the amendment shall enter into force when it has been approved by the General Assembly and accepted by two thirds of States parties;

When an amendment enters into force, it shall be binding on those States parties which have accepted it as well as on those States parties which ratify or accede to the Convention as amended after the date of the entry into force of the amendment and other States parties still being bound by the provisions of the Convention.

23 January 1995

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