

## **Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council**

### **Questionnaire on current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms**

1. Do current processes in the State allow for, or encourage, a consideration of gender balance when nominating, electing and appointing experts for human rights organs such as the Advisory Committee and treaty bodies? Do these processes ensure publicity, transparency, and participation by civil society organizations and/or other actors?
2. Does the State take into account the gender composition of the treaty bodies or the Advisory Committee at the time of nomination or election?
3. Does the State have any good national practices related to the nomination, election and appointing processes for human rights organs such as the Advisory Committee and treaty bodies? Do these processes take into account gender when nominating, electing, or appointing?
4. How does the State take into consideration its obligations concerning non-discrimination and women's right to equal access to participation, as well as its obligations under Article 8 of CEDAW to ensure women's equal participation in the work of human rights organs when nominating or appointing candidates for those organs and mechanisms?
5. How many women has the State nominated to human rights organs and mechanisms in the last five years (such as the Advisory Committee or treaty bodies)?
6. Does the State take any action to publicize and encourage women to apply for the special procedures mandate-holders vacancies?
7. What are the main challenges within your country in tackling the issue of gender balance when nominating and electing candidates for human rights organs and mechanisms such as the Advisory Committee, treaty bodies and the special procedures?
8. Are there good practices by the State or other stakeholders that ensure gender parity? If yes, could you please share these practices?
9. Are there recommendations directed to States, international bodies, or other entities, that you wish to make in order to strengthen and inform this report?