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Central African Republic	Initial report	CRC/C/11/Add.18
Lesotho	Initial report	CRC/C/11/Add.20
Lithuania	Initial report	CRC/C/11/Add.21
Egypt	2nd periodic report	CRC/C/65/Add.9
Liechtenstein	Initial report	CRC/C/61/Add.1
Guatemala	2nd periodic report	CRC/C/65/Add.10
United Kingdom	Initial report	CRC/C/11/Add.19 (Isle of Man)

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Ethiopia	2nd periodic report	CRC/C/70/Add.7
Latvia	Initial report	CRC/C/11/Add.22
Portugal	2nd periodic report	CRC/C/65/Add.11
Paraguay	2nd periodic report	CRC/C/65/Add.12
Saudi Arabia	Initial report	CRC/C/61/Add.2

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Fact Sheet No. 12) is comprised of 23 members who are elected to four-year terms by states parties. Article 20 of the Convention stipulates that the Committee once yearly for a period of two weeks. In 1995, however, the Committee received the approval of states parties to meet twice yearly in three-week sessions (January and June) in order to facilitate clearance of the backlog of state reports. States parties have been requested to amend article 20 in order to regularize the present temporary arrangement of twice yearly session. From time to time the Committee adopts general recommendations which are intended to assist states parties in terms of the steps to be taken to fulfil their obligations under the Convention.

Information to assist the Committee in its work is not only sought from various of the UN specialized agencies but also from non-governmental human rights and women's organizations as well as independent agencies.

The provisional schedule of reports to be considered by the Committee is:

January 1999

Algeria	***	***
Austria	3rd and 4th periodic reports	CEDAW/C/AUT/3-4
Chile	2nd periodic report	CEDAW/C/CHI/2
China (Hong Kong)	***	***
Colombia	4th periodic report	CEDAW/C/COL/4
Greece	2nd and 3rd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/GRC/2-3
Jordan	Initial report	CEDAW/C/JOR/1
Thailand	2nd and 3rd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/THA/2-3
United Kingdom	3rd periodic report	CEDAW/C/UK/3; CEDAW/C/UK/3/Add.1; CEDAW/C/UK/3/Add.2

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Belize	Initial and 2nd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/BLZ/1-2
DR Congo	2nd and 3rd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/ZAR/2; CEDAW/C/COD/3
Egypt	3rd periodic report	CEDAW/C/EGY/3
Georgia	Initial report	CEDAW/C/GEO/1
Germany	2nd and 3rd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/DEU/2-3
Ireland	2nd and 3rd periodic reports	CEDAW/C/IRL/2-3
Spain	3rd periodic report	CEDAW/C/ESP/3