



Additional comments

- 1.1 As already indicated I support the Dissenting Report by Coalition Committee Members on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- 1.2 That Dissent correctly emphasises concern about the political nature of a recent Report from the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- 1.3 However it is also important to note that, analysis of recent CEDAW Committee Reports on individual countries, including those relating to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Mexico, Austria, Belarus, Slovakia and Croatia also demonstrate their ideological nature.
- 1.4 They indicate that the CEDAW Committee is, in fact, reinterpreting Conventions without the consent of those member states who are signatories to them. It is inappropriate for the Committee to sit in judgement on countries adherence to new concepts of rights which have not been universally accepted. Rather, reform of the CEDAW Committee is required to ensure that it focuses urgently on those serious abuses of rights which are universally agreed as genuine human rights warranting protection by this Convention.

