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A Procedure Proposal on CEDAW Reporting Mechanism in Taiwan

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Background: Why a Reporting Mechanism in Taiwan?

Taiwan was forced to withdraw from UN in 1971.

2007

- CEDAW accession was passed without reservations in the parliament, followed by presidential signature.
- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs submitted the accession to the UN but rejected by the secretary general.

2009

- Initial Report of Taiwan was published and covered all of substantial articles.
- Initial Report was considered in the "CEDAW: Taiwan Initial Report Symposium".

2011

- the *Act to Implement CEDAW* passed in the parliament, which regulates that all the provisions and the general recommendations of CEDAW shall have the same effect as the domestic laws.

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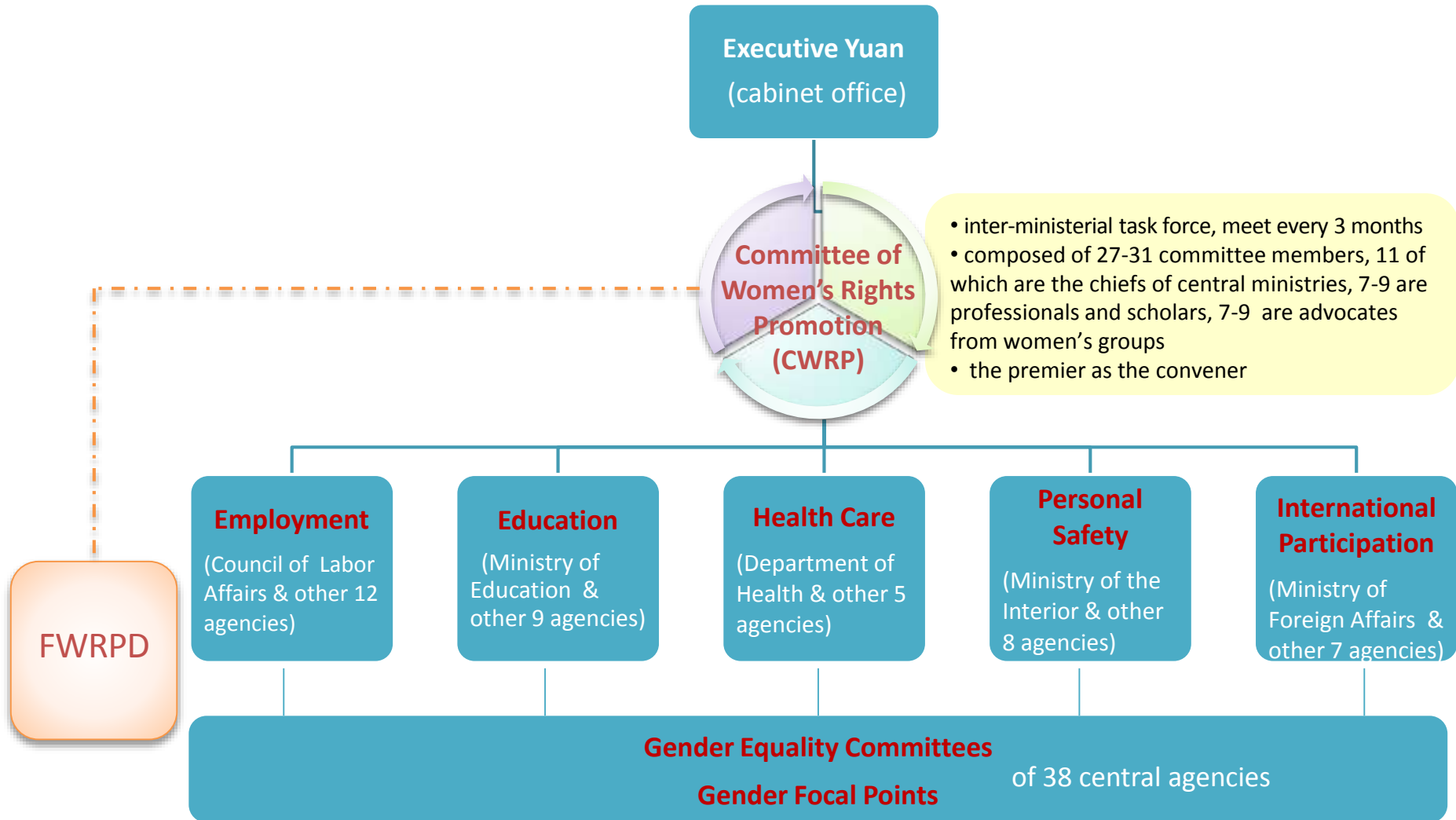
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Background: National Mechanism for Gender Equality in Taiwan



National Mechanisms for Gender Equality

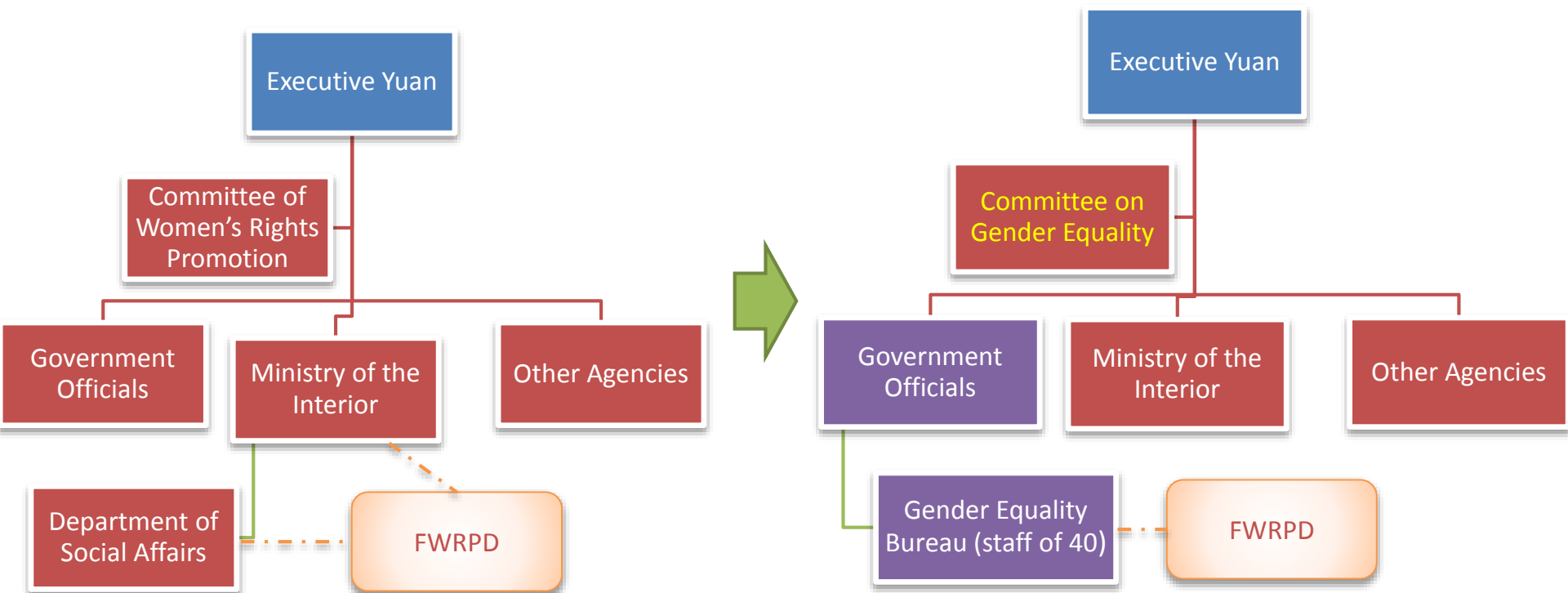
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The Establishment of Gender Equality



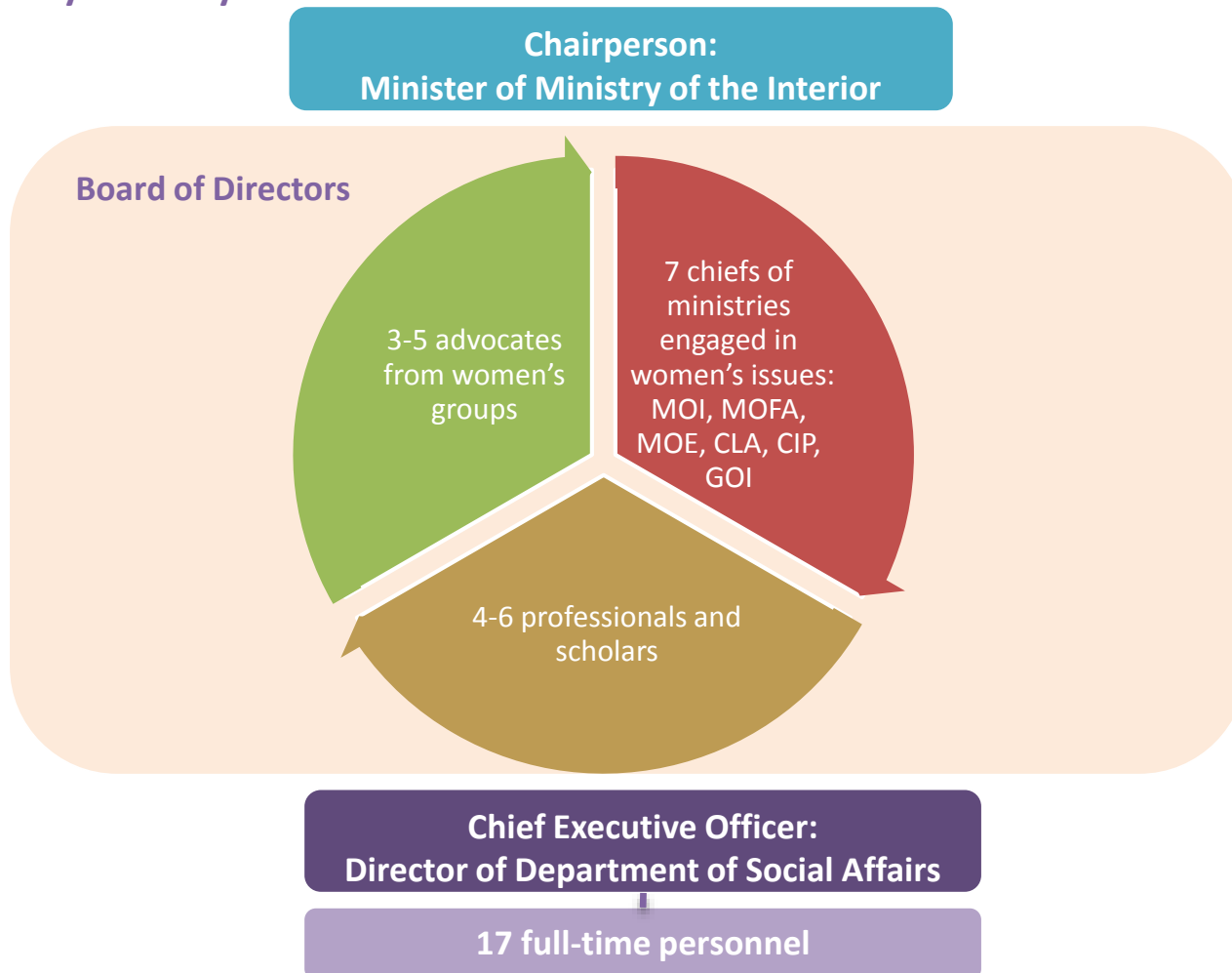
Bureau in 2012



FWRPD: Administrative Support & Neutral Stance



- Founded in 1999.
- Financed by Ministry of the Interior.





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The Process, Outcome and Evaluation of the 1st Reporting



The Process of the 1st Reporting



Mar. 2008

CWRP, Executive Yuan passed a resolution to establish the executive mechanism of CEDAW, including the training of writing country reports and shadow reports.

Apr. to Oct. 2008

CWRP, Executive Yuan convened 3 meetings on CEDAW country report to discuss the drafting of initial country report.

FWRPD held 3 workshops on art. 5, art. 10 and art. 13 for preparing the country reports.

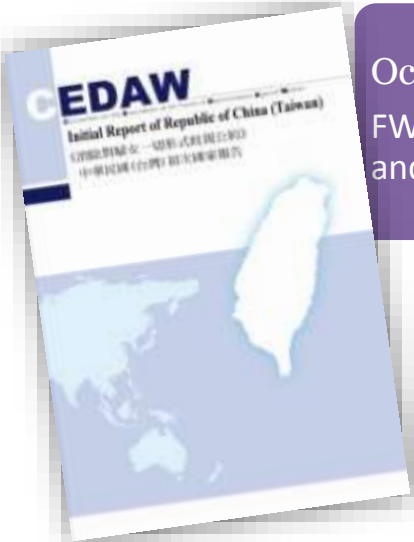
Oct. to Dec. 2008

FWRPD held “The International Conference on the CEDAW Mechanism” and 3 workshops for NGOs to prepare shadow / alternative reports.

March 2009

Initial Report of Taiwan was published and covered all of substantial articles.

27 of 38 central government agencies participated in writing country report.





CEDAW Experts: ex-CEDAW Committee members Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling (Germany), Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea) and Anamah Tan (Singapore)



Host of the Symposium: Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development



State Representatives: 3 from Ministry of the Interior, 1 from Ministry of Education, 1 from Ministry of Justice, 1 from Council of Labor Affairs, 1 from Council of Agriculture, 1 from Council for Economic Planning and Development

The representative of the highest level was the Administrative Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Interior



Lack of **pre-working group**

Lack of NGOs' **parallel(shadow) reports**

Lack of **list of issues and questions**

Lack of concrete **concluding observations**

Lack of **action plans**

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A Procedure Proposal on the 2nd Reporting Mechanism



Three Phases

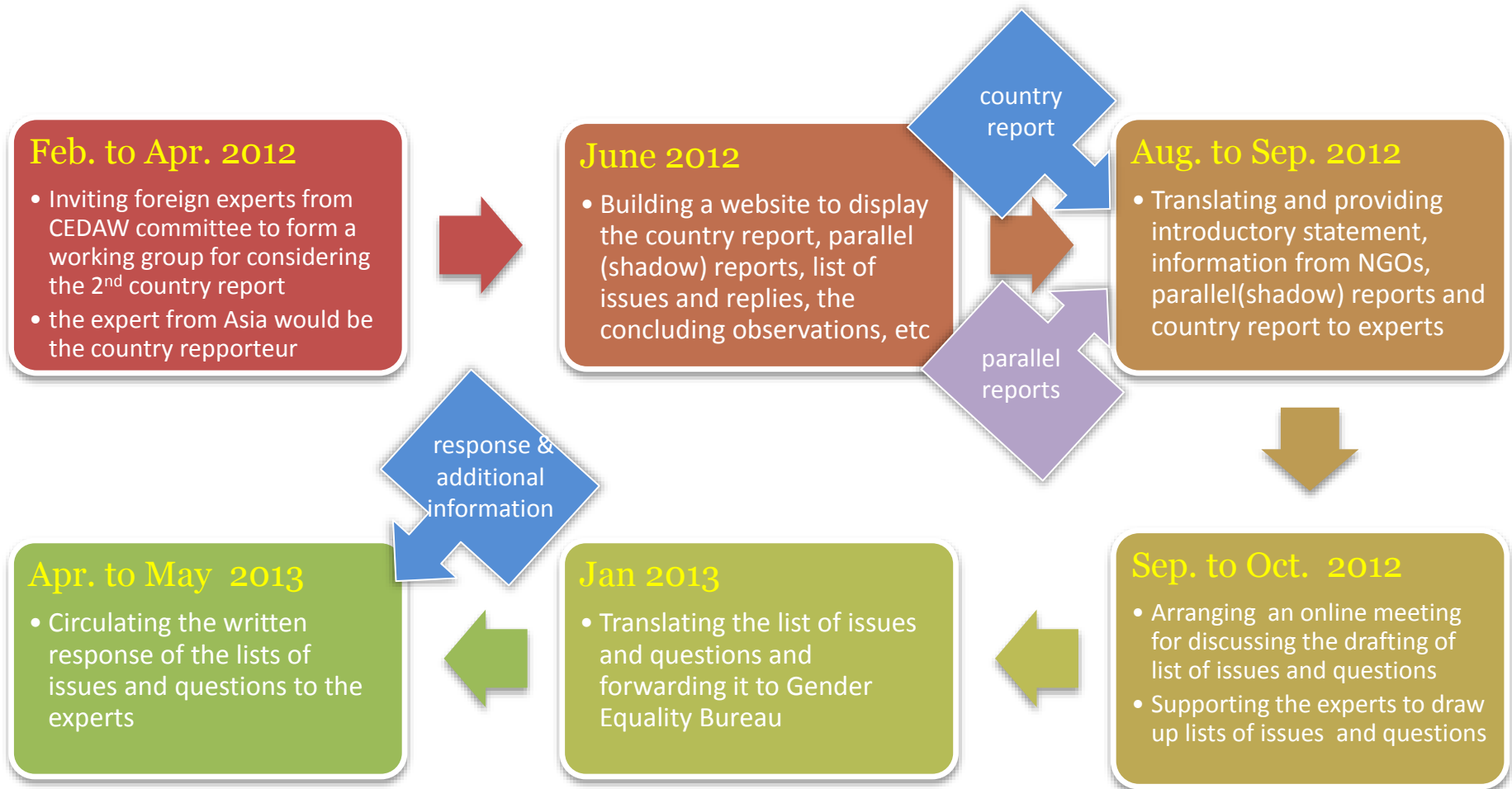


Preparing

Constructive
Dialogue

From Concluding
Observations
to Action Plans

Phase I: Preparing



Phase II: Constructive Dialogue



July 2013, Taipei

Day 1

Day 2

Day3

morning

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Introduction by the state
representatives (30mins)

Questions by experts and dialogue(4):
Articles 15 to 16

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Questions by experts and dialogue(1):
Articles 1 to 6

Closed meeting for
concluding observations

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Break

Press conference:
announcement of the
concluding observations

afternoon

Informal meeting with NGOs:
oral presentations of NGOs

Questions by experts and dialogue(2):
Articles 7 to 9

Questions by experts and dialogue(3):
Articles 10 to 14

Phase III: From Concluding Observations



to Action Plans

The concluding observations and the corresponding key agencies must be indentified.

Forums on implementing concluding observations and formulating action plans

Action plans and steps taken to implement concluding observations must be monitored .

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