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**DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN****NO. 761****28 AUGUST 2015****NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women intends introducing the CEDAW report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on or before 31 December 2015. A notice of the publication of the CEDAW report calling for public comment is hereby published in accordance with section 9 (e) of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act 2 of 2000).

The report is drafted in terms of Article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Article 18 provides that-

- (a) Every State party, upon ratifying or acceding to the Convention, undertakes, to submit, within one year of the Convention's entry into force for that State, an initial report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures it has adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and progress made in this respect; and thereafter periodic reports at least every four years and further whenever the Committee so requests.

Copies of the draft report can be obtained from the Department of Women situated at 36 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, its website [www.women.gov.za](http://www.women.gov.za), Miss Nondumiso Maome (012) 359 0241/[Nondumiso.Maome@women.gov.za](mailto:Nondumiso.Maome@women.gov.za) or Ms Lanwani Hlaisi on or (012) 359 0175/[Lanwani.Hlaisi@women.gov.za](mailto:Lanwani.Hlaisi@women.gov.za).