



**ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ ΠΡΩΤΟ**  
**ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗΣ ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΔΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑΣ**  
Αρ. 2064 της 12ης ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ 1985  
**ΝΟΜΟΘΕΣΙΑ**

Ο περί της Σύμβασης των Ηνωμένων Εθνών για την Εξάλειψη κάθε Μορφής Διάκρισης σε βάρος της Γυναίκας (Κυρωτικός) Νόμος του 1985 εκδίδεται διά δημοσιεύσεως εις την επίσημον εφημερίδα της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας συμφώνως τω άρθρω 52 του Συντάγματος.

Αριθμός 78 του 1985

**Ο ΠΕΡΙ ΤΗΣ ΣΥΜΒΑΣΗΣ ΤΩΝ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΩΝ ΕΘΝΩΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ**  
**ΕΞΑΛΕΙΨΗ ΚΑΘΕ ΜΟΡΦΗΣ ΔΙΑΚΡΙΣΗΣ ΣΕ ΒΑΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ**  
**ΓΥΝΑΙΚΑΣ (ΚΥΡΩΤΙΚΟΣ) ΝΟΜΟΣ ΤΟΥ 1985**

Η Βουλή των Αντιπροσώπων ψηφίζει τα ακόλουθα:

1. Ο παρών Νόμος θα αναφέρεται ως ο περί της Σύμβασης των Ηνωμένων Εθνών για την Εξάλειψη κάθε Μορφής Διάκρισης σε βάρος της Γυναίκας (Κυρωτικός) Νόμος του 1985.

Συνοπτικός  
τίτλος.

2. Στον παρόντα Νόμο—

Ερμηνεία.

«Σύμβαση» σημαίνει τη Σύμβαση των Ηνωμένων Εθνών για την Εξάλειψη κάθε Μορφής Διάκρισης σε βάρος της Γυναίκας που υιοθετήθηκε από τη Γενική Συνέλευση των Ηνωμένων Εθνών στις 18 Δεκεμβρίου 1979, της οποίας το κείμενο και η επιφύλαξη της Δημοκρατίας εκτίθενται εις το Πρώτον Μέρος του Πίνακα εις την αγγλική και εις το Δεύτερο Μέρος του Πίνακα εις την ελληνική:

Πίνακας  
Πρώτο Μέρος.  
Δεύτερο Μέ-  
ρος.

Νοείται ότι σε περίπτωση αντιθέσεως μεταξύ των δύο κειμένων υπερισχύει το κείμενο εις την αγγλική.

3. Η Σύμβαση στην οποία η Δημοκρατία αποφάσισε να προσχωρήσει δυνάμει της Απόφασης του Υπουργικού Συμβουλίου υπ' αρ. 25.759 της 8ης Μαΐου 1985 κυρώνεται με τον παρόντα Νόμο υπό την αίρεση της επιφύλαξης που εκτίθεται στον Πίνακα.

Κύρωση  
Σύμβασης  
και Επιφύ-  
λαξη.

ΠΙΝΑΚΑΣ  
(Άρθρο 2)  
ΜΕΡΟΣ ΠΡΩΤΟ

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination  
against Women

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Noting that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women,

Noting that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms the principle of the inadmissibility of discrimination and proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, including distinction based on sex,

Noting that the States Parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights have the obligation to ensure the equal right of men and women to enjoy all economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

Considering the international conventions concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and the specialized agencies promoting equality of rights of men and women,

Noting also the resolutions, declarations and recommendations adopted by the United Nations and the specialized agencies promoting equality of rights of men and women,

Concerned, however, that despite these various instruments extensive discrimination against women continues to exist,

Recalling that discrimination against women violates the principles of equality of rights and respect for human dignity, is an obstacle to the participation of women, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries, hampers the growth of the prosperity of society and the family and makes more difficult the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity,

Concerned that in situations of poverty women have the least access to food, health, education, training and opportunities for employment and other needs,

Convinced that the establishment of the new international economic order based on equity and justice will contribute significantly towards the promotion of equality between men and women,

Emphasizing that the eradication of apartheid, of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, colonialism, neo-colonialism, aggression, foreign occupation and domination and interference in the internal affairs of States

is essential to the full enjoyment of the rights of men and women,

Affirming that the strengthening of international peace and security, relaxation of international tension, mutual co-operation among all States irrespective of their social and economic systems, general and complete disarmament, and in particular nuclear disarmament under strict and effective international control, the affirmation of the principles of justice, equality and mutual benefit in relations among countries and the realization of the right of peoples under alien and colonial domination and foreign occupation to self-determination and independence, as well as respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, will promote social progress and development and as a consequence will contribute to the attainment of full equality between men and women,

Convinced that the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women on equal terms with men in all fields,

Bearing in mind the great contribution of women to the welfare of the family and to the development of society, so far not fully recognized, the social significance of maternity and the role of both parents in the family and in the upbringing of children, and aware that the role of women in procreation should not be a basis for discrimination but that the upbringing of children requires a sharing of responsibility between men and women and society as a whole,

Aware that a change in the traditional role of men as well as the role of women in society and in the family is needed to achieve full equality between men and women,

Determined to implement the principles set forth in the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and, for that purpose, to adopt the measures required for the elimination of such discrimination in all its forms and manifestations,

Have agreed on the following:

#### PART I

##### Article 1

For the purposes of the present Convention, the term "discrimination against women" shall mean any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.

Article 2

States Parties condemn discrimination against women in all its forms, agree to pursue by all appropriate means and without delay a policy of eliminating discrimination against women and, to this end, undertake:

(a) To embody the principle of the equality of men and women in their national constitutions or other appropriate legislation if not yet incorporated therein and to ensure, through law and other appropriate means, the practical realization of this principle;

(b) To adopt appropriate legislative and other measures, including sanctions where appropriate, prohibiting all discrimination against women;

(c) To establish legal protection of the rights of women on an equal basis with men and to ensure through competent national tribunals and other public institutions the effective protection of women against any act of discrimination;

(d) To refrain from engaging in any act or practice of discrimination against women and to ensure that public authorities and institutions shall act in conformity with this obligation;

(e) To take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women by any person, organization or enterprise;

(f) To take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to modify or abolish existing laws, regulations, customs and practices which constitute discrimination against women;

(g) To repeal all national penal provisions which constitute discrimination against women.

Article 3

States Parties shall take in all fields, in particular in the political, social, economic and cultural fields, all appropriate measures, including legislation, to ensure the full development and advancement of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms on a basis of equality with men.

Article 4

1. Adoption by States Parties of temporary special measures aimed at accelerating de facto equality between men and women shall not be considered discrimination as defined in the present Convention, but shall in no way entail as a consequence the maintenance of unequal or separate standards; these measures shall be discontinued when the objectives of equality of opportunity and treatment have been achieved.

2. Adoption by States Parties of special measures, including those measures contained in the present Convention, aimed at protecting maternity shall not be considered discriminatory.

Article 5

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures:

(a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women;

(b) To ensure that family education includes a proper understanding of maternity as a social function and the recognition of the common responsibility of men and women in the upbringing and development of their children, it being understood that the interest of the children is the primordial consideration in all cases.

Article 6

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.

## PART II

Article 7

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the political and public life of the country and, in particular, shall ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the right:

(a) To vote in all elections and public referenda and to be eligible for election to all publicly elected bodies;

(b) To participate in the formulation of government policy and the implementation thereof and to hold public office and perform all public functions at all levels of government;

(c) To participate in non-governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country.

Article 8

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure to women, on equal terms with men and without any discrimination, the opportunity to represent their Governments at the international level and to participate in the work of international organizations.

Article 9

1. States Parties shall grant women equal rights with men to acquire, change or retain their nationality. They shall ensure in particular that