Judicial Colloquium on the Application of International Human Rights Law at the Domestic Level

Nassau, The Bahamas 17-19 May 2004

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 1	17	Mav	2004
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8.00 - 9.00 am **Registration**

9.00 - 10.00 am **Opening statements**

Ms. Christine Brautigam

Chief, Women's Rights Section

Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations

The Honourable Melanie S Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development, The Bahamas

The Honourable Alfred A Sears, Attorney-General and Minister of Education, The Bahamas

Ms Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary, Minisrty of Social Services and Community Development, The

Bahamas

10.00 – 10.30 am **Introduction of participants and expectations**

10.30 – 10.45 am **Tea**

10. 45 am – 12.15 pm International Human Rights Law and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination

Against Women

Meaning and Scope of Equality and Non-Discrimination in the Convention

Christine Brautigam

Saras Jagwanth, Technical Adviser, Division for the

Advancement of Women, United Nations

12.15 -1.00 pm	Equality Case-Studies and Scenarios Christine Brautigam Saras Jagwanth
1.00 – 2.30 pm	Lunch
2.30 – 4.30 pm	Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations The Hon. Judge Desiree Bernard, Chancellor of the Judiciary, Court of Appeal, Guyana
Tuesday 18 May 2004	
8.45 – 9.00 am	Introduction and Establishment of Working Groups
9.00 – 11.00 am	*Parallel Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations Specific issues and topics that will be discussed in the working groups will be largely determined by the interests of the group. Some suggested topics are: women's right to nationality and the acquisition of citizenship; family responsibility, child support and maintenance; custody, access and the best interests of the child. Participants who have focused their written contributions on this theme will be invited to make short presentations.
11.00 - 11.15 am	Tea
11.15 – 12.00 pm	Report Back from Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations
12.00 – 12.15 pm	Wrap-up and Concluding Comments The Hon. Justice Desiree Bernard
12.15 – 1.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 – 3.45 pm	Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Violence Against Women The Hon. Justice Sujata Manohar, Justice of the Supreme Court of India (retired)
3.45 – 4. 30 pm	The Caribbean Law Reform Initiative on Violence Against Women Ms Tracy Robinson, University of the West Indies

Wednesday 19 May 2004

8.30 – 8.45 am	Introduction and Announcements
8.45 – 10.45 am	*Parallel Working Groups on Violence Against Women Specific issues and topics that will be discussed in the working groups will be largely determined by the interests of the group. Some suggested topics are: rape and sexual offences; sexual harassment; domestic violence, including the battered women's syndrome. Participants who have focused their written contributions on this theme will be invited to make short presentations.
10.45 - 11.00 am	Tea
11.00 – 11.45 am	Report Back from Working Groups on Violence Against Women
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	Wrap-up and Concluding Comments The Hon. Justice Sujata Manohar
12.00 – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 – 3.00 pm	Way Forward and Evaluation

^{*} Note: All sessions will be held in plenary, with the exception of the parallel workinggroup discussions marked with an asterisk.

6.00 pm Reception at Government House, hosted by the Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and

Community Development, The Bahamas

Transportation will be provided from the hotel. Dress:

lounge suit