

Committee: UN Women
Topic: Women in Governance
Country: Colombia
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Thank you, honorable chair,

The country of Colombia feels that the issue of increasing the number of women in government is important for the committee to address because women bring a different point of view to politics and must participate in decision-making. Colombia believes that this issue has to be solved as soon as possible because only 25% of our members of parliament are women, putting Colombia in the 76th position in the World Ranking of National Parliaments.

This committee should understand that due to these problems Colombian women suffer from gender violence, discrimination and rape. The government of Colombia has been trying to increase the number of women in government by creating a National Public Policy for Gender Equality and by implementing the Colombian Integral Programme against Gender-Based Violence. Also, Colombia is part of the Action Program of the Beijing Declaration. This program recognises that the status of women has advanced in the past decade but inequalities between men and women have continued.

The country of Colombia encourages the committee to continue with the use of quotas until an acceptable percentage of women in government is achieved. Colombia's strongest suggestions are to create political campaigns, raise public awareness of the importance of women's presence in government and to renew and reinforce gender laws.

In conclusion, the country of Colombia believes that partnering with countries with similar situations to ours will hopefully make a difference. Colombia also would like to collaborate with countries that have successfully increased the number of women in government.

Thank you for your time