

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN – MONITORING
OR QUASI JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS

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Summary: Within the paper the author analyses role and scope of activities of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Its legal basis is Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. Convention recognises the possibility for the Committee to adopt general recommendations. Until now the Committee adopted 30 general recommendations, some of them with significant portion of novelties towards the Convention. After adoption of the Optional Protocol to the Convention, Committee was recognised as the body for individual or group complaints, as well as the body capable for the reaction toward states that are severely and systematically violating Convention. The main focus of the analyses throughout the paper is quality of Committee's views and recommendations – whether they are just product of monitoring, reports with the purpose of monitoring on the application of the Convention, or they form a sort of quasi judicial decision making process.

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