

“The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”

Animation Script – Social Participation

Mother: Let me introduce our new family member to you.

Sister: Wow, my little sister!

Brother: She is so adorable!

Sister: When she grows up, I will teach her to draw and learn dancing with her together.

Brother: I will take her to football matches.

Sister: But usually it is boys who like watching football matches.

CEDAW Robot: Not necessarily.

Brother and sister: It's CEDAW!

CEDAW Robot: Yes, I'm CEDAW the Robot. CEDAW stands for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

CEDAW Robot: Congratulations!

Mother: Thank you!

CEDAW Robot: In fact, both men and women can participate in different types of activities in society. Let me show you how the Convention protects women from discrimination in social participation. It is emphasised in the Convention that everyone is born equal and should enjoy equal rights, irrespective of gender.

MVO: CEDAW Article 2(a)

CEDAW Robot: It is mentioned in the Convention that the principle of the equality between men and women should be incorporated into

local legislation.

MVO: CEDAW Article 3

CEDAW Robot: The Convention ensures the full development and advancement of women in the political, social, economic and cultural fields.

MVO: CEDAW Article 7(a)

CEDAW Robot: It also ensures that women, on equal terms with men, have the right to vote and be elected,

MVO: CEDAW Article 7(b)

CEDAW Robot: and to participate in the formulation and implementation of government policy. In the Government, nearly 40% of the directorate officers are women, and notably 80% of the permanent secretaries who are the highest rank in the civil service are also women.

MVO: CEDAW Article 8

CEDAW Robot: Moreover, the Convention ensures that women have equal opportunities to represent their governments at the international level and to participate in the work of international organisations,

MVO: CEDAW Article 12(1)

CEDAW Robot: and that women, on a basis of gender equality, can have access to health care services such as vaccination.

MVO: CEDAW Article 16(1)h

CEDAW Robot: Both men and women have equal access to family resources.

MVO: CEDAW Article 13(c)

CEDAW Robot: They can also participate in different activities, including art, social activities, music, culture and sports.

MVO: CEDAW Article 15(1)

CEDAW Robot: It is also mentioned in the Convention that men and women are equal before the law.

Sister: Everyone is born equal. Both men and women can enjoy the same rights in society.

Father: That's right. We have to respect everyone to develop a harmonious society.

Brother: Baby sister, when you grow up, let's go to vote, open a bank account, get flu vaccination, go jogging...

Sister: Great, let's go together!

CEDAW Robot: For more information on the Convention, please visit this website.

MVO: <https://www.hyab.gov.hk/CEDAW>