

General Comment No. 16: The equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all economic, social and cultural rights (art. 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

CURA researchers, alongside an international team of women's human rights experts, worked with the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) in researching and drafting General Comment No. 16. In particular, CURA researchers and other experts attended the CESCR's Day of General Discussion and made submissions on the meaning and application of Article 3 of the CESCR. CURA researchers and other experts also worked with members of the CESCR to ensure they had a good understanding of the meaning and application of substantive equality. To this end, an Expert Group Meeting was hosted in July 2003 at the University of Toronto and was attended by former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, Claire L'Heureux Dube, the Chair of the CESCR, and several members of the CEDAW Committee. General Comment No. 16 was adopted by the CESCR in May 2005.

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Submission on Substantive Equality by Shelagh Day to CESCR for Day of General Discussion

Submission on Substantive Equality and the Right to Adequate Housing by Leilani Farha to CESCR for Day of General Discussion