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4. The report describes certain "administrative and judicial measures and practices" that discriminate against women (p. 16). Please describe what is being done to raise awareness and sensitize judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers and administrators to Burkina Faso's international obligations under the Convention.

5. Women's lack of knowledge about their rights and the difficulties they encounter in trying to exercise them are identified as a major obstacle to the development of women (p. 17). Are there any initiatives to raise awareness among women of their rights or to publicize, and to inform women about, the provisions of the Convention?

6. Please provide information on what measures are in place to enhance access to justice for women, including the availability of legal aid, and what is being done to encourage women to use the courts to enforce their rights under the Constitution and

jobs — are discriminatory. Please provide information on the steps taken or anticipated to remove these discriminatory practice

practices persist owing to strong attachment to cultural values, including under-age marriages, son preference, dowries, and levirate and sororate. In addition, the report states (p. 45) that while "women have the same rights with respect to custody", they are in practice "prevented from exercising those rights because of social and cultural constraints". Please provide information on what is being done to implement the provisions of the Individual and Family Code that guarantee equality between men and women in marriage and family relations in accordance with all provisions of article 16 of the Convention.

27. Please provide information on what is being done to put an end to the practice "preventing women from inheriting from their husbands" and owning property (p. 18) and to implement the laws that give women and men equal rights to inheritance.
