5. Political rights

ii) Nationality law
i) Codified, religious based.ii) Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention
ii) Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100), 1951: Yes.

2. Nationality law: gender discrimination? Yes.2

7. Gender monitoring and action:
a) National Council of Women? The National Committee on Women.
b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? Yes.2

c) NGOs that monitor women’s situation? Yes.2

8. Education:
ii) Female/gender enrolment ratios: primary level 96/104% (2000); secondary level 78/84% (2000); tertiary level: nrd.

b) Female/gender enrolment ratios: primary level 96/104% (2000); secondary level 78/84% (2000); tertiary level: nrd.

c) Distribution of nrd in the teaching profession: 99% of nursery school teachers, 52% of primary school teachers, 42% of intermediate school teachers, and 37% of secondary school teachers were women in 1996-1997. In 2002, 53% of faculty in universities were female.

4. Legal system
a) Women’s participation:
ii) To own and manage businesses? Yes.

iii) To open bank accounts and take loans in their own name? nrd.

v) To receive social security and pensions in their own names? nrd.

b) Are there civic laws that apply only to men or women? Yes.10

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iii) Mortality rate in childbirth: 170 per 100,000 births (1985-99).

b) Reproductive rights:
i) Is contraception legal? Yes.34

b) Economic rights:
i) To ownership of property? Yes.32

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3. International resolutions:


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v) To receive social security and pensions in their own names? nrd.

10. Health:
a) Vital statistics:


b) Do women perform in public (as actors, musicians, etc)? Yes.38

ENDNOTES
2. Art. 6. Ibid.
7. Ibid.
8. The first woman judge was appointed to the High Constitutional Court in Jan 2001: Ibid.
9. Ibid.
10. Unmarried women under age 21 must have their father’s permission to obtain passports and to travel; married women of any age require permission from their husbands: http://www.afort.com/Categories/Women/profiles/egypt_women.htm
14. Ibid. 15. Ibid.
18. Ibid.
21. Ibid.
25. To save the life of the mother, but with further restrictions: http://www.unpop.org/lex/world02.htm
29. Around 17% of private businesses are owned by women: http://www.undp-pogar.org/countries/egypt/gender.html
34. 52% of married women used contraception in 1997.
35. To save the life of the mother, but with further restrictions: http://www.populationline.org/popline/eg.html
36. Both M u'mins and Coptic Christians practice RSM. In 1958, it was prohibited, and in 1996 all licensed health professionals were banned from performing it, but in 1997 a court overturned this ban. An appeal is still pending: http://www.pregnantpause.org/lex/world02.htm
39. Ibid.

2. Nationality law: gender discrimination? nfd.2

3. International resolutions:
a) CEDAW: Yes (13 Aug. 1986).3
i) With reservations? Yes.4
b) ILO Conventions:
i) Equal Remuneration Convention (No 100), 1951: Yes.5
ii) Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111), 1958: Yes.6

4. Legal system:
a) Women’s participation:
i) Right to raise cases? Yes.7
ii) Work as lawyers? Yes.8
iii) Judges? Yes.9
iv) Number of women judges: nfd.10

b) Are there civic laws that apply only to men or women? Yes.11

c) Family law:
i) Codified, religious-based.12
ii) recent changes? Yes, several in 1970s.13

5. Political rights:

i) Right to vote? nfd.
ii) Stand as candidates for election? nfd.
iii) Number of women in parliament? nfd.
iv) Women in the Cabinet? No.

6. The state:

i) Employment in the state apparatus: Yes.14

b) Are there special law or policies aimed at promoting women? Yes.15

i) Which sectors? Police, army.16

ii) Number of women in police? nfd.
iii) Number of women on the armed forces? nfd.

7. Gender monitoring and action:

a) National Council of Women? The National Committee of Women.17

b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? Yes.18

c) NGOs that monitor women’s situation? Yes.19

8. Education:

a) Adult female/male literacy rates: 43/64% (1998).20

b) Female/male gross enrolment ratios: primary level 80/96%; secondary level 14/25%; tertiary level, 9/17% (2000).21

c) Distribution of m/f in the teaching profession: 72% of primary school teachers and 57% of secondary school teachers were women (2000).22

9. The economy:

a) Female economic activity rate: nfd.

b) Economic rights:
i) To ownership of property? Yes.23
ii) To own and manage businesses? Yes.24
iii) To open bank accounts and take loans in their own name? nfd.

iv) To receive social security and pensions in their own name? nfd.

c) Percentage of female-headed households? nfd.

10. Health:

a) Vital statistics:
i) Life expectancy (f/m): 62/60 years (2000).25

ii) Average age of women at first marriage: 22.3 years (early 1990s).26

iii) Mortality rate in childbirth: 310 per 100,000 births.27

b) Reproductive rights:
i) Is contraception legal? Yes.28

ii) Is abortion legal? Yes, in limited cases.29

iii) To receive maternity leave? Yes.30

iv) To receive social security and pensions in their own names? nfd.

c) Female genital mutilation? No reported instances.

d) Employment in the modern health sector: nfd.

11. Culture:

a) Do women work in the media - print journalism? Radio? TV? Yes.31

b) Do women perform in public (as actors, musicians, etc)? Yes.32

ENDNOTES


3. Art. 2 paragraph [f] [g], Art. 16, and Art. 29 paragraph 1.
http://www.iwrwap.org/ComReservations.html


5. Personal Interview: Nadim Gargoura, Al-Safir.

6. Ibid.

7. Ibid.

8. Women are not permitted to travel outside the country unless escorted by a male relative:
http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2001/nea/8257.htm
http://www.law.emory.edu/IFL/legal/iraq.htm


12. Ibid.


17. http://genderstats.worldbank.org (check “Summary Gender Profiles”)

18. Ibid.


25. Only if to save the mother’s life or if the unborn child has defects. Restricted interpretation. http://www.pregnantpause.org/lex/world02.htm


27. Ibid.