Syria


3. International resolutions:
   b) With reservations? Yes.

4. Legal system:
   a) Adult female/male literacy rates: 60.5/88.3.
   b) Female/male gross enrolment ratios: primary level 57%; secondary level 39/44%; tertiary level: nfd.
   c) Distribution of nuf in the teaching profession: In 1998, 57% of all teachers were women.
   d) Gender monitoring and action: The National Committee of Women’s Affairs.

5. Political rights:
   a) Employment in the state apparatus: Yes.
   b) Are there civic laws that apply only to men or women?
   c) NGOs that monitor women’s situation?

6. The state:
   a) Employment in the state apparatus: Yes.
   b) Legal system: i) Is contraception legal? Yes.
   ii) Is abortion legal? Yes, in limited cases.
   iii) Is female genital mutilation: No.
   b) Stand for election (national and municipal levels)? Yes, 1953.
   c) Percentage of women in parliament: 10.4% (single house).
   d) Women in the cabinet?: Yes.

7. Gender monitoring and action:
   a) National Council of Women? The National Committee of Women’s Affairs.
   b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? Yes.
   c) NGOs that monitor women’s situation?

8. Education:
   a) Adult female/male literacy rates: 60.5/88.3.
   b) Female/male gross enrolment ratios: primary level 59/109%; secondary level 39/44%; tertiary level: nfd.

9. The economy:
   a) Female economic activity rate: 28.6.
   b) Economic rights: i) To ownership of property? Yes.
   ii) To own and manage businesses? Yes.

10. Health:
    a) Vital statistics:
        i) Life expectancy (f/m): 72.4/70.0.
        ii) Average age of women at first marriage: 23.3 years.
        iii) Mortality rate in childbirth: 110 per 100,000 births (1958 - 99).
    b) Reproductive rights: i) Is contraception legal? Yes.

ENDNOTES

2. A Syrian woman cannot grant her children Syrian nationality if she marries a foreigner even if they were born in Syria: http://www. kamilat.org/doc/syria.html
4. No data found with regard to the articles containing reservations.
8. Ibid., p 118.
9. Ibid., p 118.
10. A husband may request that his wife’s travel abroad be prohibited (see Section 2.3). Women generally are barred from traveling abroad with their children unless they are able to prove that the father has granted permission for the children to travel: http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2001/nea/8298.htm
11. http://www.law.emory.edu/IFL/index2.html
18. Ibid., p 118.
21. Ibid.
25. Ibid.
31. Ibid., p 106. Specific number not provided. “There is a marked discrepancy in the number of men who own businesses as opposed to women.”
32. Ibid., p 222.
36. Ibid., p 27. In 1993, 49.2% of women residing in urban areas were using family planning methods and 27.4% in rural areas.
37. Only to save the life of the mother: http://www.pregnant- woman.com/eng/world02.htm
Tunisia


2. Nationality law: gender discrimination? No.2


6. The state: a) Employment in the state apparatus? Yes. i) in which sectors? The civil service, public health, education and social services.16 ii) Heads of government departments? Yes.17 iii) Section(s) of government concerned with women's issues? Ministry of Women and Family Affairs, the National Women and Development Commission, and the National Council of Women and the Family.18

7. Gender monitoring and action: a) National Council of Women? The National Council of Women and the Family.19 b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? Yes.20 c) NGOs that monitor women's situation? Yes.21


b) Reproductive rights: i) Is contraception legal? Yes.30

ENDNOTES

4. ConvReservations.html
6. Ibid., p. 195.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid. Women constitute 60 percent of all judges in the capital and 24 percent of the nation's total judges.
10. The Personal Status Law of 1956 prohibits polygyny and extra-judicial divorce, and gives decision about custody of children in divorce cases to: http://www.baw.emory.edu/FLindex2.html
13. Ibid., p. 194.
15. Ibid.
16. Women constitute 37% of civil service employees, primarily at the middle or lower levels in the fields of health, education, and social affairs. http://www.state.gov/j/drl/hrpt/hmrpt2001/nea/8303.htm
17. Four women were made deputy governors in 2001 bringing the number to ten out of 24. http://www.baw.emory.edu/FLindex2.html
18. The National Union of Tunisian Women (UNFT), L'Association Tunisienne des Femmes Democrates, the Center for Studies, Research, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF), Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR). http://www.undp-poc.org/countries/tunisia/gender.html
24. Ibid.
26. Ibid.
27. Ibid.
30. Ibid.
31. Ibid.
32. Only during the first three months of pregnancy: http://www.graduateplus.org/lei/world02.htm
34. The ratio of women to men journalists was 25:75% (1998), and 37% of all those working in radio and TV were women: Ibid.