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Convention on Elimination of All Forms of* Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

The most important Violations and aberrations in the Lao People's Republic

Article 3	State appropriate measures
Article 4	Temporary special measures to combat discrimination
Article 6	Suppressing exploitation of women
Article 13	Finance and social security

The government of the Lao PDR neglects the youth, girls and boys, more than four hundreds of thousands, who become victims of the black market as slave laborers and prostitutes in Thailand and instead of being concerned and seeking solutions to the problem the government manufactures narcotics like methamphetamines for sale in neighboring countries while affecting also the youth in Laos. Now we have a report that Thai authorities has arrested some illegal Lao migrant workers. These workers had faked passport, issued by corrupt officials from Laos. From their passports showed that they are 18 years old, in fact they were much younger.

The drug problem in Laos grows up rapidly, because the problem has been neglect by the government, Lao youth especially girls who should be regarded as the backbone of the country have come to lose their potentialities and become useless methamphetamine addicts. Corrupt officials protect this business and allow the production of methamphetamines. We think that more than 30% of the young people in Laos are addicted by drugs.

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