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The Impact of CEDAW Ratification on Women's Rights in the U.S.

In December 2009 the world celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The U.S. is one of only seven countries that have not ratified the treaty.

As the UN Commission on the Status of Women undertakes a 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the ACLU will host a roundtable discussion to highlight the need for the U.S. to finally ratify CEDAW.

The panel will feature U.S. and international advocates for women's human rights sharing their perspectives on the value of CEDAW as an international human rights instrument, its implementation in other countries, and the real impact that U.S. ratification would have on women's lives:

PANELISTS INCLUDE:

KAREN RICHARDSON, State Department, Senior Advisor, Office of the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues

CHARLOTTE BUNCH, Founding Director and Senior Scholar at the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL), Rutgers University

RADHIKA BALAKRISHNAN, Executive Director of CWGL, Rutgers University and U.S. Human Rights Network Board Chair

ZARIZANA ABDUL AZIZ, Malaysian Attorney and Activist for Women's Rights and Human Rights

JUNE ZEITLIN, Director of the CEDAW Education Project, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

KAREN STEFISZYN, Human Rights Specialist, UNIFEM

GOURI SADHWANI, Deputy Executive Director of Organizing, Membership & Campaigns, Amnesty International USA

Moderated by: **LENORA LAPIDUS**, Director of the ACLU Women's Rights Project

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