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FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

Draft text for a resolution submitted by the Chairperson

The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and
full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and
Platform for Action

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/100 of 12 December 1997 on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

1. Decides that the high-level plenary review should be held as a special session of the General Assembly for five days, from 5 to 9 June 2000, [with a plenary and an ad hoc committee of the whole] to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Beijing Platform for Action five years after its adoption and to consider further actions and initiatives;

2. [Decides that the special session should reaffirm the commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action and further focus on obstacles encountered in implementation as well as on strategies to overcome those obstacles, with a view to fully implementing the Platform;]

3. Recalls that in keeping with General Assembly resolution 52/100, the Commission on the Status of Women will serve as the preparatory committee for the review and will be open-ended for purposes of the preparations;

4. Decides that the preparatory work, [which should be supported by intercessional consultations convened by the Bureau of the Commission on the

Status of Women as needed,] will be carried out by the Commission at its forty-third and forty-fourth session in 1999 and the year 2000, respectively, and that the [forty-third and] forty-fourth session[s] will be extended by five days [each] to complete the preparations;

5. [Encourages Governments to submit their national plans of action to the Division for the Advancement of Women by September 1998 as an input to the start of the review during the forty-third session of the Commission and, in 1999, to submit information on their implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, focusing particularly on positive factors and obstacles, key challenges remaining and a vision for gender equality in the next millennium;]

6. [Encourages regional evaluation of the implementation of the Platform for Action and regional plans of action, where appropriate, in cooperation with the United Nations regional commission, and recommends submitting the results for information to the Commission at its forty-fourth session in the year 2000;]

7. [Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its forty-third session, in addition to the documentation already foreseen in the long-term work programme of the Commission for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, initial suggestions on further initiatives and actions that might be considered during the review, and to provide in the report on emerging issues, to be submitted to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, additional material for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000;

8. [Invites the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to provide information in 1999 on implementation of the Platform for Action, based on its review of reports of States parties to the Convention;]

9. [Requests the Secretary-General to invite entities of the United Nations system to contribute actively to the preparations for the special session and to participate in it at the highest level;]

10. [Invites the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes to supply information on implementation of the Platform for Action in their areas of expertise;]

11. [Recommends that the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank focus on gender issues in the Human Development Report and the World Development Report for the year 2000;

12. [Requests the Secretary-General to compile by the end of 1999 up-to-date statistics and indicators on the situation of women and girls in countries around the world by issuing, for example, a volume of The World's Women;

13. [Decides to invite non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and those non-governmental organizations that indicate their interest in the review and have initiated the process of applying for consultative status, to participate in the review, based on arrangements to be decided by the General Assembly in 1999, drawing on proposals of the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-third session;]