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### 78/150. Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls for realizing all Sustainable Development Goals

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution [77/181](#) of 14 December 2022 and all its other resolutions on women in development,

*Reaffirming* its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

*Welcoming and reaffirming* the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including through Sustainable Development Goal 5 and all its targets, and that gender mainstreaming remains crucial to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

*Reiterating* that the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, including the means of implementation, are universal, indivisible and interlinked, balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental,

*Reaffirming* its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015, by which it endorsed the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable



Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels, reaffirming also its recognition that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership in all spheres of life, including in the economy, are vital to the achievement of sustainable development and significantly enhance economic growth and productivity, and reiterating its commitment to enable women's equal access to decision-making processes and leadership,

*Reaffirming also* the mutually reinforcing relationship among achieving gender equality, sustainable development and the empowerment of all women and girls,

*Noting* the importance of ensuring the respect, promotion and consideration of gender equality and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>1</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan, and recognizing that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of women is vital for achieving long-term climate goals,

*Recognizing* that the feminization of poverty persists and that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is an indispensable requirement for women's economic empowerment and sustainable development, and recognizing also the mutually reinforcing links between the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the eradication of poverty,

*Deeply concerned* that, halfway through the 2030 Agenda, the world is failing to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

*Recognizing* that unpaid care and domestic work remains invisible, undervalued and unaccounted for in national statistics, and neglected in economic and social policymaking, and that women and girls, including adolescent girls, undertake a disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work from one generation to the next, as well as the need to adopt measures to reduce, redistribute and value unpaid care and domestic work by promoting the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men within the household and by prioritizing, inter alia, sustainable infrastructure, social protection policies and accessible, affordable and quality social services, including care services, childcare and maternity, paternity or parental leave,

*Reiterating* the need for gender mainstreaming in the formulation and implementation of all financial, economic, environmental and social policies and programmes,

1. *Reaffirms* that the commitment to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, that the achievement of full human potential and of sustainable development is not possible if all women and girls continue to be denied their human rights and opportunities, and that the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup> is crucial;

2. *Invites* Member States to strengthen the capacity of national financial institutions to reach out to those who have no access to banking, insurance and other financial services, particularly women and women-led micro-, small and medium-

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>2</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).

sized enterprises, sustainable and inclusive businesses, and digital entrepreneurs, in urban and especially in rural areas, as well as to develop and implement policies and programmes to support women's entrepreneurship, in particular opportunities for new women entrepreneurs;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure women's equal opportunities in education, training, business, entrepreneurship and decent jobs, reduce gender barriers to employment, address the gender wage gap, reduce occupational segregation and increase the participation of people in vulnerable situations, including workers in the informal economy;

4. *Urges* Member States to take comprehensive, multisectoral, coordinated, effective and gender-responsive measures to prevent and eliminate all forms of gender-based violence and address structural and underlying causes and risk factors of gender inequalities;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to promote a gender-equitable division of unpaid care and domestic work, including through the promotion of the equitable sharing of responsibilities between women and men within the household and by prioritizing, inter alia, social protection policies and infrastructure development, bearing in mind that women spend 2.8 more hours than men on unpaid care and domestic work, a factor that contributes to greater time burdens on women and substantially limits their participation in the social, economic and political spheres, and considering that, on the current trajectory, the gap between the time spent by women and men on unpaid care will narrow slightly, but by 2050, women globally will still be spending 9.5 per cent more time or 2.3 more hours per day on unpaid care work than men;

6. *Urges* Member States to support efforts to enable all women to have leadership and decision-making roles at all levels, and work towards women's and youth's equal, full and meaningful participation, including in all spheres and levels of public and political life, bearing in mind that, at the current pace, women's share of workplace management positions will reach only 30 per cent by 2050;

7. *Reaffirms* the importance of identifying and eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters, in relation to land tenure security and access to, ownership of and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance, and ensuring women's and girls' access to justice and accountability for violations of their human rights, with particular attention given to older women, widows and young women;

8. *Also reaffirms* the need to strengthen the efforts to realize the right to education for all women and girls, eliminating barriers in this regard, ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education, training and skills development, promoting lifelong learning opportunities, and supporting women's and girls' participation in all sectors, especially those in which they are not equally represented, in particular science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and strengthening international cooperation on these issues;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the topic of the resolution, within an existing report in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Issues Committee (Third Committee) of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

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