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Amendments submitted by the Netherlands

Paragraph 10:

In all times and in all societies women share common experiences. One of the basic factors causing the unequal share of women in development relates to the almost universal division of labour between the sexes based on the reproductive function of women. The consequential assumptions with regard to the tasks and responsibilities of women and men in society have mainly restricted women to the domestic sphere. All this has led to women being regarded as inferior and has limited their access to sources of power. In most countries this has resulted in institutionalized inequality in the status and power of women and men.

Paragraph 11:

This inequality between women and men is directly linked with a complex historical process. The form in which this inequality manifests itself is as varied as the economic, social and cultural systems of the world community.

Paragraph 12:

Among the factors which adversely affect the status of women in many countries throughout the world, apart from the persistence of prejudices, stereotypes and traditions are unequal accumulation of capital, colonialism, denial of the right to self-determination and a rapid population increase. Social class, poverty, and lack of development have sharpened and continue to sharpen these inequities.

Paragraph 13:

Delete this paragraph.