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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”: review of gender mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system

Draft resolution submitted by the Bureau of the Commission of the Status of Women on the basis of informal consultations

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Underlining the significance of its forty-ninth session, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,¹ the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,² and the thirtieth anniversary of the World Conference of the International Women’s Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Noting that the Commission will undertake, at its forty-ninth session, a review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, and consider current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls,

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Building upon its agreed conclusions 1996/1,³ and taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/27 of 26 July 2001 and General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

Considering the special nature of the task before the Commission at its forty-ninth session,

1. *Decides* to focus on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly through the expanded use of interactive dialogue, and with broad-based participation of governmental delegations at the highest level of responsibility and expertise, and of civil society and organizations within the United Nations system, bearing in mind the need to integrate a gender perspective in the implementation and review of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;⁴

2. *Also decides* to emphasize the sharing of experiences and good practices on overcoming remaining challenges to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

3. *Further decides* to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it recommend to the General Assembly the convening of a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to which the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-ninth session will transfer its general debate on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* its Bureau, in preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission, to take into account the views expressed by the representatives at its forty-eighth session and to continue the practice of periodically convening meetings of the Bureau open to the participation of all interested States.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1996, Supplement No. 6 (E/1996/26)*, chap. I, sect. C.

⁴ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.