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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”: implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations

Preparations for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/9 of 25 July 2006, in which the Council decided that the Commission, at its fifty-third session, would discuss the possibility of conducting, in 2010, a review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹ and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”,²

Noting the relevance of the regional reviews and outcomes of the regional-level intergovernmental processes in preparation for the “Beijing plus 15” review,

Building upon its agreed conclusions 1996/1, and taking into account Economic and Social Council resolutions 2001/27 of 26 July 2001, 2004/57 of 23 July 2004 and 2006/9 and General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

1. *Decides* to review, at its fifty-fourth session, the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹ and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace”,² emphasizing the sharing of experiences and good

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 General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.



practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Requests* the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women, in preparation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, to hold informal consultations with all member States and Observer States of the Commission on the modalities of the review with a view to agreeing on its format and outcome;

3. *Decides* to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and in this regard recommends, through the Economic and Social Council, that the General Assembly hold a commemorative meeting during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in March 2010.
