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Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Note by the Secretariat

By its decision 2010/232 of 20 July 2010, the Economic and Social Council took note of the declaration adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly for its endorsement:

“Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

“We, the representatives of Governments gathered at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, in the context of the review of the outcomes of the Conference and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled ‘Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century’, and its contribution to the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council in 2010, on the theme ‘Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women’, and the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, to be held from 20 to 22 September 2010, which will focus on accelerating progress towards the achievement of all of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,



“1. *Reaffirm* the Beijing Declaration¹ and Platform for Action,² the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly³ and the declaration of the Commission on the Status of Women on the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women;⁴

“2. *Welcome* the progress made thus far towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, stress that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and, in this regard, pledge to undertake further action to ensure their full and accelerated implementation;

“3. *Emphasize* that the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is essential to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and stress the need to ensure the integration of a gender perspective in the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on accelerating progress towards the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;

“4. *Recognize* that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fulfilment of the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women;

“5. *Call upon* the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as all women and men, to fully commit themselves and intensify their contributions to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.”

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, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 7 (E/2005/27)*, chap. I.A.