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## Commission on the Status of Women

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### Contribution by the Commission on the Status of Women to the work of the Economic and Social Council

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 68/1 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly introduced changes with implications for the subsidiary bodies of the Council. Among other provisions in the resolution, the Assembly described the substantive leadership that the Council would provide to the United Nations system through the adoption of an annual theme and the staggering of the segments of the Council throughout the year, beginning in 2014. With the adoption of the resolution, the Assembly created opportunities and expectations for the subsidiary bodies to advance their own work in the context of the wider process of strengthening the Council. The present note provides a summary of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women, to serve as the Commission's contribution to the work of the Council in 2016.

2. In its resolution 2015/6 on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission, the Council decided that the Commission would report on the aspects relating to gender equality and the empowerment of women of the agreed main theme of the Council, in order to contribute to its work. The Commission was requested to continue to apply a thematic approach to its work and to adopt a multi-year programme of work. In selecting its priority theme, the Commission should take into consideration, in addition to the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the programme of work of the Council, as well as the post-2015 development agenda, so as to build synergies and contribute to the work of the Council system and the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

3. The theme of the 2016 session of the Council is "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results". The high-level segment of the Council, to be held in July 2016, will consist of, among other



components, a three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the first to be held since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

4. At its sixtieth session, the Commission will consider as its priority theme “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development”. It is anticipated that the Commission will place emphasis on implementation, thus aligning itself with the theme of the 2016 session of the Council and contributing directly to the Council’s deliberations. The outcomes of the Commission’s consideration of its priority theme are expected to include agreed conclusions on the priority theme and the Chair’s summaries of the ministerial round tables and the interactive expert panels. The outcomes can have a catalytic role and support the Council in the integration of gender perspectives into the deliberations on and outcomes of the theme of its session. The report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme ([E/CN.6/2016/3](#)) can also support the Council’s deliberations.

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