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# 7 WAYS TO AMEND

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## Commission on the Status of Women

### 1) DELETE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to delete a word or words:

The Commission reaffirms that the promotion and protection of, and respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all women and girls, which **[MEX DEL: are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,]** are crucial to the full and equal participation of women and girls in society.

With an amendment to delete an entire paragraph:

The Commission acknowledges the principle of non-regression, according to which the promotion and respect of human rights recognized in International Law should not be reviewed if this would imply reversing the levels of protection previously achieved, especially with regards to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. **[IND DEL Para 9]**

### 2) ADD A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to add a word proposed by Italy:

9. The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action **[ITL ADD: and the Programme of Action to the International Conference on Population and Development,]**

### 3) REPLACE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH WITH NEW TEXT

With an amendment to replace a word:

The Commission on the Status of Women **[CAN REP: takes note of reaffirms]** the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action **[ITL ADD: and the Programme of Action to the International Conference on Population and Development,]**

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### 4) ADD A COMPLETELY NEW PARAGRAPH

Australia wants add a new sub-paragraph, 65 (d) Supra, above sub-paragraph 65 (d).

65 (d) SUPRA [AUS ADD: Promote and protect the rights of indigenous people, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security, while also recognizing their cultural, social, economic, political and environmental contributions, including to climate change mitigation and adaptation;]

**65 (d)** Promote and protect the rights of women and girls with disabilities, who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, including by ensuring access, on an equal basis with others, to economic and financial resources and disability-inclusive and accessible social infrastructure, transportation, justice mechanisms and services, in particular in relation to health and education and productive employment and decent work, as well as by ensuring that the priorities and rights of women and girls with disabilities are fully incorporated into policies and programmes, and that they are closely consulted and actively involved in decision-making processes;

If additional new paragraphs were added immediately above this one the sequence would be marked as follows:

**65 (d) Supra.1**

**65 (d) Supra.2**

**65 (d)**

### 5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH

There are different types of alternated paragraphs.

One type of alternate paragraph occurs when a delegate wants to delete a paragraph and replace it with a new paragraph.

A second type of an alternate paragraph maintains some of the wording of the original paragraph but makes some revisions in how the idea is expressed. See example below:

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### 5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH (CONT.)

The Commission urges governments, the relevant entities of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations, and civil society, women's organizations, youth-led organizations, as well as the private sector, and other relevant stakeholders to take the following actions:

**[BRA Alt The Commission urges governments at all levels and, as appropriate, the relevant entities of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates and bearing in mind national priorities, and invites civil society, the private sector, employer organizations and trade unions, as applicable, to take the following actions:]**

If the paragraph that is being proposed is completely different and adds new content that is not replacing an existing paragraph to the resolution, it should be entered as a new paragraph as illustrated in example #4.

### 6) MOVE A PARAGRAPH TO ANOTHER PLACE IN THE RESOLUTION

25. The Commission reaffirms that the promotion and protection of the rights of women and girls with disabilities, who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination are crucial for the full and equal participation of women and girls in society and for women's economic empowerment. **[GHA MOVE AFTER 31.]**

### 7) MERGE TWO PARAGRAPHS INTO ONE

6. The Commission recognizes the importance of relevant International Labour Organization standards related to the realization of women's right to work and rights at work that are critical for the economic empowerment of women, and to social protection and public services, and recalls the decent work agenda of the International Labour Organization and the International Labour Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and notes the importance of their effective implementation.

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### 7) MERGE TWO PARAGRAPHS INTO ONE (CONT.)

7. The Commission acknowledges the important role played by regional conventions, instruments and initiatives in their respective regions and countries, and their follow-up mechanisms, in the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. **[US MERGE 6. AND 7.]**

### GENERAL NOTE

While the line by line review is designed to allow delegates to propose changes to the text of an outcome document, delegates can indicate if they agree or disagree with the amendment that is being proposed. If a delegate agrees with an amendment that is proposed, their country will be listed as a co-sponsor.

If we take the example of Paragraph 9 above and imagine that Canada agreed with it, the amendment would appear as follows to show that Italy was co-sponsoring the amendment:

9. The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action **[ITL, CAN ADD: and the Programme of Action to the International Conference on Population and Development,]**

If a delegate disagrees with, we will indicate their disagreement by putting the initials of the country along with the letters RET in brackets as follows:

9. The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action **[ITL ADD: and the Programme of Action to the International Conference on Population and Development,][CAN RET].**

The letters RET stand for RETAIN or keep the original language as it was before ITL proposed its amendment. It is just another way of saying that Canada disagrees with the amendment proposed by Italy.

It is important to remember, that although delegates can indicate if they agree or disagree with an amendment during the line by line review, they do not need explain why. The debate on each amendment will take place at a later time.