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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Agreed Conclusions on the Review of the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the Occasion of its Thirtieth Anniversary

1. The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, as the most comprehensive and authoritative global framework for achieving gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls, and the full realization of their human rights.
2. The Commission recalls the outcomes of previous reviews and appraisals of the Beijing Platform for Action, including the twenty-third and twenty-fifth anniversaries, and emphasizes that the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action remains essential to achieving gender equality and sustainable development.
3. The Commission reaffirms the commitments made under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and stresses that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls are central to the achievement of all Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and to leaving no one behind.
4. The Commission recognizes that progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action has been uneven and insufficient, and that **structural barriers, discriminatory social norms**, unequal power relations, and persistent gender stereotypes continue to undermine the rights and opportunities of women and girls in all their diversity.
5. The Commission expresses deep concern that multiple and intersecting global crises, including climate change, armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies, pandemics, economic shocks, and food and energy insecurity, have disproportionately affected women and girls and have exacerbated existing inequalities.
6. The Commission emphasizes that achieving substantive equality requires not only formal legal equality but also policies that address the root causes of discrimination, including unequal access to resources, services, decision-making and justice.
7. The Commission recognizes the critical importance of women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, social and public life, including in peace processes, governance institutions and crisis response.
8. The Commission underscores that violence against women and girls, in all its forms, remains one of the most pervasive human rights violations and a major obstacle to the achievement of gender equality.
9. The Commission recognizes the importance of women's economic empowerment, including equal access to decent work, social protection, financial services and markets, and the need to address the unequal distribution of unpaid care and domestic work.
10. The Commission emphasizes the right of women and girls to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in accordance with the Beijing Platform for Action and international human rights agreements.

11. The Commission acknowledges that education, including quality, inclusive and lifelong learning, is a cornerstone of women's empowerment and stresses the importance of closing gender gaps in education, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
12. The Commission is deeply concerned about the negative impact that digital technologies is having on women's lives including, but not limited to, online harassment, cyberstalking, non-consensual sharing of images, hate speech and also stresses the need to bridge the gender digital divide and ensure that technological innovation is used to promote gender equality.
13. The Commission emphasizes the importance of gender-responsive approaches to climate action and disaster risk reduction that recognize the needs of women and girls women as well as their roles as agents of change and leaders in climate resilience and environmental protection.
14. The Commission highlights the importance of addressing the specific needs and rights of women and girls in humanitarian settings and conflict-affected situations, including displaced women, refugees and stateless persons.
15. The Commission recognizes the importance of developing and implementing policies that address the different types of discrimination faced by women and girls, including those based on age, disability, race, ethnicity, migration status, socioeconomic status and other factors.
16. The Commission stresses the importance of adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for gender equality, including gender-responsive budgeting to reduce gender inequalities by identifying gaps and ensuring that public financial decisions promote equality and increased investment in public services that support women's rights and empowerment.
17. The Commission emphasizes the importance of strengthening ministries and institutions responsible for women's advancement, and ensuring they have the resources and capacity to implement the Beijing Platform for Action.
18. The Commission recognizes the critical role of data, statistics and evidence-based policymaking in monitoring progress, identifying gaps and informing effective gender-responsive policies that are designed, implemented, and evaluated with an understanding of the different needs, experiences, and barriers faced by people of different genders.
19. The Commission acknowledges the essential role of civil society, including women's rights organizations and feminist movements, in advancing gender equality, holding institutions accountable, and supporting the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.
20. The Commission stresses the importance of safeguarding and protecting women human rights defenders, journalists and activists from violence, harassment and intimidation.
21. The Commission underscores the importance of engaging men and boys as allies in promoting gender equality and eliminating violence and discrimination against women and girls.
22. The Commission emphasizes the importance of international cooperation, multilateralism and the sharing of good practices, lessons learned and innovative approaches to accelerate progress on gender equality.

23. The Commission calls for renewed political will at the highest levels to fully implement the Beijing Platform for Action and to integrate its commitments across all policies, strategies and development frameworks.
24. The Commission urges the integration of gender perspectives across all policies and programmes, including economic recovery, climate action, and peacebuilding, in a coherent and coordinated manner.
25. The Commission calls for strengthened accountability mechanisms at national, regional and global levels to monitor and assess progress in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action.
26. The Commission requests the Secretary-General to continue to support the full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, including through system-wide coordination, policy guidance, technical assistance and reporting on progress and challenges.
27. The Commission encourages United Nations entities to strengthen gender mainstreaming that integrates a gender perspective into all levels of policy-making, planning, and implementation to ensure that women and men benefit equally and align their programmes and resources with the priorities of the Beijing Platform for Action.
28. The Commission is alarmed by the rapid rise of misinformation, disinformation, and digital violence targeting women and girls fueled by generative AI. It further notes with concern the decline in women's political leadership as evidenced by the decrease in the number of women cabinet ministers and the increase in the number of countries with no women in ministerial roles. It emphasizes the importance of addressing these emerging challenges to gender equality.
29. The Commission calls for accelerated action over the next decade to close gender gaps, reverse setbacks, and ensure that commitments made under the Beijing Platform for Action translate into tangible improvements in the lives of women and girls.
30. The Commission reaffirms that the full realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is indispensable to peace, prosperity, sustainability and human dignity.
31. The Commission stresses that the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action is a critical moment to move from commitments to implementation, from rhetoric to results, and from incremental progress to transformative change. The Commission commits to continuing its role as the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, and to strengthening follow-up and review of the Beijing Platform for Action.
32. The Commission urges Governments, United Nations entities, international and regional organizations, civil society, women's rights organizations, feminist movements, the private sector, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders, to take the following actions:
 - (a) Accelerate the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and ensure that these efforts are adequately funded;
 - (b) Strengthen laws, policies and institutions to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, including through the growing use of technology-facilitated abuse;

- (c) Invest in public services such as healthcare, education, childcare, elder care and social protection programmes that support women's economic independence and well-being;
 - (d) Promote women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership in decision-making, including in governance, peace processes and crisis response
 - (e) Support women's rights organizations and feminist movements as essential partners in achieving gender equality and ensuring accountability.
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