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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair, Mathu Joyini (South Africa), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the significance of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in September 1995,

Recalling that the Council, in its resolution 2020/15 of 17 July 2020, requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider and make a recommendation at its sixty-sixth session on how best to utilize the year 2025, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the full realization of their human rights,

Reiterating the commitment to using all opportunities and processes in 2025 and beyond to accelerate and achieve the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, in order to achieve concrete results in each review cycle, and strive for the full realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by 2030, including through the contribution of a gender perspective to the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2

Recognizing multi-stakeholder efforts towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as well as the realization of their human rights, and taking note of all international, regional and national initiatives.





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 70/1.

A. Theme for the Commission on the Status of Women in 2025

- 1. Decides that at its sixty-ninth session, in 2025, the Commission on the Status of Women will undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, ³ including an assessment of current challenges that affect the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a gender perspective;
- 2. Calls upon all States to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and encourages the regional commissions to undertake regional reviews so that the outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level can feed into the 2025 review to be undertaken by the Commission at its sixty-ninth session;
- 3. Strongly encourages Governments to continue to support the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, as well as national human rights institutions where they exist, in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and in this regard calls upon Governments to collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including youth, at all levels on preparations for the 2025 review so as to benefit from their experience and expertise;

B. Themes for the Commission on the Status of Women in 2026 and beyond

- 4. *Requests* the Commission at its sixty-ninth session to decide on its future multi-year programme of work;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session a report containing proposals on the Commission's priority and review themes for 2026 and beyond.

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