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Intervention

Interactive Multistakeholder Hearing on the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

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Thank you, Chair.

Distinguished delegates, colleagues, and partners,

My name is Alexa Dominique. I am from the United States and I am the DMUN Foundation Representative to the UN, and I am honored to speak on behalf of the DMUN Foundation, a youth-led international NGO and think tank committed to advancing gender equality, inclusive governance, and sustainable development through multilateral engagement.

Today's discussion on empowering women and building inclusive economies strikes at the very core of what it means to create a sustainable future. Inclusive and gender-responsive economic systems yield higher growth, reduce poverty, and accelerate progress across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

To build a more equitable economic future, we must move from commitments to concrete action. We respectfully call on Member States, the private sector, and international institutions to:

Invest in gender-responsive education and skilling pathways, including in digital technologies, green industries, and leadership training that prepare women and girls for the economies of the future.



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Strengthen legal and institutional frameworks that guarantee equal pay, maternity protections and access to leadership roles for women across all sectors.

Redistribute and recognize unpaid care work, including through publicly funded care infrastructure, parental leave policies, and social protection systems that support caregiving families.

Facilitate youth-led and women-led entrepreneurship through targeted procurement, public financing, and inclusive value chains that enable small enterprises to scale and compete in global markets.

Institutionalize the participation of young women in economic policy-making, including through advisory councils, national gender equality commissions, and inclusive labor platforms.

To close, I offer a reminder: women's economic empowerment is not a sectoral issue—it is foundational to inclusive development and democratic resilience. It must be prioritized not as a peripheral commitment but as a cross-cutting driver of sustainable and just societies.

Let us work together to build economies that reflect the full diversity of human potential—where empowered women and girls are not the exception, but the norm.

We thank you.