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### **Advancement of women: implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**

**Draft resolution submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations**

### **Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution [78/182](#) of 19 December 2023, and recalling also the section of resolution [64/289](#) of 2 July 2010 entitled “Strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women”,

*Deeply convinced* that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action<sup>1</sup> and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”,<sup>2</sup> are important contributions to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and must be translated into effective action by all States, the United Nations system and other organizations concerned,

*Reaffirming* the commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights, made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup> and at major United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions, and reaffirming also that their full, effective and accelerated implementation is integral to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals, especially considering that the world is currently failing to achieve gender equality,

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<sup>1</sup> *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 I, annexes I and II.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution [S-23/2](#), annex, and resolution [S-23/3](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).



*Reaffirming* also the commitments with regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the different United Nations intergovernmental processes, such as the outcome documents of the International Conferences on Financing for Development, including the Sevilla Commitment of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development,<sup>4</sup> the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage entitled “Universal health coverage: expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world”<sup>5</sup> and the political declaration on the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,<sup>6</sup>

*Welcoming* progress made towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, but stressing that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session,

*Recalling* Security Council resolutions [1325 \(2000\)](#) of 31 October 2000, [1820 \(2008\)](#) of 19 June 2008, [1888 \(2009\)](#) of 30 September 2009, [1889 \(2009\)](#) of 5 October 2009, [1960 \(2010\)](#) of 16 December 2010, [2106 \(2013\)](#) of 24 June 2013, [2122 \(2013\)](#) of 18 October 2013, [2242 \(2015\)](#) of 13 October 2015, [2467 \(2019\)](#) of 23 April 2019 and [2493 \(2019\)](#) of 29 October 2019 on women and peace and security and resolutions [1882 \(2009\)](#) of 4 August 2009, [2225 \(2015\)](#) of 18 June 2015 and [2427 \(2018\)](#) of 9 July 2018 on children and armed conflict,

*Reaffirming* the important role of all women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding efforts, stressing the need for their full, equal and meaningful participation therein, including at decision-making levels, and noting in this regard that 2025 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) on women and peace and security,

*Taking note* of the Global Leaders’ Meeting on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment held in New York on 27 September 2015 and the Global Leaders’ Meeting on Women held in Beijing on 13 and 14 October 2025, and noting the pledges and commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls as well as their all-round development made by Governments at the meetings,

*Taking note also* of the ministerial declaration adopted at the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development,<sup>7</sup> which assessed, inter alia, the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 5, and the political declaration adopted at the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023,<sup>8</sup> which reaffirmed that the 2030 Agenda is universal in nature and that its Goals and targets seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution [2025/4](#) of 10 June 2025, entitled “Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system”, in which it was reaffirmed that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

<sup>4</sup> Resolution [79/323](#), annex.

<sup>5</sup> Resolution [78/4](#), annex.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution [72/1](#).

<sup>7</sup> [E/HLS/2025/1](#).

<sup>8</sup> Resolution [78/1](#), annex.

*Recognizing* that the responsibility for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session rests primarily at the national level and that strengthened efforts are necessary in this respect, and reiterating that enhanced international cooperation is essential for full, effective and accelerated implementation,

*Recognizing also* the primary role of the Commission on the Status of Women in the follow-up to the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, in which the work of the Commission is grounded, and stressing that it is critical to address and integrate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls throughout national, regional and global reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to ensure synergies between the follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action and the gender-responsive follow-up to the 2030 Agenda,

*Welcoming* the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in reviewing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, taking note with appreciation of all its agreed conclusions, and acknowledging the need for their implementation,

*Recalling* the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in 2025, when the Commission undertook a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and welcoming the adoption of the political declaration on this occasion,<sup>9</sup>

*Recalling also* the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in New York on 22 September 2025, which demonstrated commitment to the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of its subsequent reviews,

*Acknowledging* the Presidents of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions for convening the Advisory Board on Gender Equality and the General Assembly Platform of Women Leaders, and encouraging greater participation of Member States in this initiative,

*Taking note* of the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution [2026/2](#) of 19 September 2025 on the revitalization of the Commission on the Status of Women,

*Commending* the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for the continued support provided to intergovernmental processes, including on the linkages between sustainable development, financing for development, migration, climate change and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,

*Recalling* its resolution [64/289](#), in which it decided that the resources required to service the normative intergovernmental processes should be funded from the regular budget,

*Taking note* of the ongoing work of the United Nations trust fund to end violence against women,

*Recognizing* that the participation and contribution of civil society, in particular women's groups and organizations and other non-governmental organizations, are important to the successful implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2025, Supplement No. 7 (E/2025/27)*, chap. I, sect. C, resolution 69/1, annex.

for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, as well as to the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

*Reaffirming* that gender mainstreaming is a globally accepted strategy for promoting the empowerment of women and achieving gender equality by transforming structures of inequality, which is relevant to all issues considered by its Main Committees and subsidiary bodies, including in resolutions dealing with issues beyond social, humanitarian, cultural, economic and financial matters,

*Reaffirming also* the commitment to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres, as well as the commitment to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender equality,

*Stressing* that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of international standards and norms to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as well as in changing discriminatory attitudes and gender stereotypes and negative social norms which perpetuate discrimination against women and girls, while recognizing the importance of fully engaging men and boys as agents and beneficiaries of change and as allies in the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, including sexual and gender-based violence, as well as in the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

*Expressing concern* with the continued emergence and re-emergence of health emergencies and epidemic-prone diseases that have a disproportionate impact on women and girls and a negative impact on gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

*Expressing concern also* that the urgent goal of 50/50 gender balance in the United Nations system, especially at higher professional grade levels and in non-headquarters locations, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, remains unmet, that the representation of women decreases progressively at higher professional grade levels and that the gap in representation is greatest and the rate of change slowest at non-headquarters locations, including in peacekeeping missions, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on improvement in the status of women in the United Nations system,<sup>10</sup>

*Taking note with appreciation* of the work done to enhance the United Nations system-wide dashboard on gender parity by UN-Women and the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen system-wide monitoring and data collection by providing the latest available data, in support of the Secretary-General's system-wide strategy on gender parity,

*Acknowledging* the continuous efforts of UN-Women to strengthen the United Nations system-wide knowledge hub on addressing sexual harassment in order to provide a repository of resources, best practices and tools on the United Nations system efforts to prevent and address sexual harassment,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken and progress achieved in follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third

<sup>10</sup> A/80/260.

special session of the General Assembly<sup>11</sup> and of the report of the Secretary-General on improvement in the status of women in the United Nations system;

2. *Reaffirms* the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, also reaffirms the political declaration on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-ninth session, and affirms its commitment to their full, effective and accelerated implementation;

3. *Also reaffirms* the primary and essential role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the catalytic role of the Commission on the Status of Women, in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, based on the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, and in promoting and monitoring gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system, and encourages the Commission to contribute to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as well as the enjoyment of all human rights by women and girls;

4. *Calls upon* Governments and all other stakeholders to systematically mainstream a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in order to, inter alia, contribute to the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and stresses in this regard the importance of ensuring synergies between the follow-up to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the gender-responsive follow-up to the 2030 Agenda;

5. *Reiterates* that the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

6. *Notes* the adoption in September 2024 of the Pact for the Future,<sup>12</sup> which reaffirmed States' commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to accelerating efforts to achieve gender equality, women's participation and the empowerment of all women and girls in all domains and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls;

7. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fulfilment of the obligations of States Parties under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>13</sup> are mutually reinforcing in respect of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, and welcomes in this regard the contributions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to promoting the implementation of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

8. *Calls upon* States Parties to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol thereto<sup>14</sup> and to take into consideration the concluding observations as well as the general recommendations of the Committee, urges States Parties to consider limiting the extent of any reservations that they lodge to the Convention, to formulate any reservations as precisely and narrowly as possible and to regularly review such reservations with a view to withdrawing them so as to ensure

<sup>11</sup> [A/80/261](#).

<sup>12</sup> Resolution [79/1](#).

<sup>13</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2131, No. 20378.

that no reservation is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, urges all Member States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to consider doing so, and calls upon those Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol;

9. *Reaffirms* that States have an obligation to exercise due diligence to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, provide protection to the victims and investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, and that failure to do so violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, calls upon Governments to elaborate and implement laws and strategies to eliminate violence against women and girls, encourages and supports men and boys to take an active part in the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence, encourages increased understanding among men and boys of how violence harms girls, boys, women and men and undermines gender equality, encourages all actors to speak out against any form of violence against women, and in this regard encourages Member States to continue to support the Secretary-General's ongoing campaign, "UNiTE to End Violence against Women", its social mobilization and advocacy platform, "Orange the World: End Violence against Women", and the "HeforShe" campaign of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), as well as to support the Secretary-General's voluntary compact on preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse;

10. *Reiterates* the importance and value of the mandate of UN-Women, and welcomes the Entity's leadership in providing a strong voice for women and girls at all levels and its efforts to support intergovernmental processes so that they fully contribute to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and the realization of their human rights;

11. *Notes with concern* that UN-Women continues to draw on voluntary contributions in order to enable it to carry out its mandate of servicing normative intergovernmental processes, and emphasizes the need for the full implementation of resolution 64/289 in this regard;

12. *Notes* the elaboration of the United Nations System-wide Gender Equality Acceleration Plan, reaffirms the important role of UN-Women in leading, coordinating and promoting accountability of the United Nations system in its work on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and urges UN-Women to continue to support gender mainstreaming across the United Nations system as part of its work;

13. *Welcomes* the commitment of UN-Women to support Member States in their efforts to develop and strengthen norms, policies and standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women, as well as to integrate gender perspectives into sectoral policy and normative frameworks, in line with its mandate, and encourages the Entity to continue to promote the need to mainstream and strengthen a gender perspective in the work of intergovernmental bodies and processes, to raise awareness of the opportunities therein and to provide policy analysis, knowledge, evidence and information in support of intergovernmental deliberations in order to provide technical assistance, at the request of Member States, in strengthening a gender perspective in resolutions and other outcomes;

14. *Recognizes* the need to continue to strengthen the capacity of UN-Women to fully implement its normative support function;

15. *Also recognizes* the important role of UN-Women in promoting gender equality, and the empowerment of all women and girls and the central role that it plays in supporting Member States, in coordinating the United Nations system and in mobilizing civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders, at all

levels, in support of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and calls upon UN-Women and the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to continue to support the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the international, regional, national and local levels, including through systematic gender mainstreaming, the mobilization of resources to deliver positive results and the monitoring of progress with adequate data and robust accountability systems;

16. *Urges* Member States to increase funding for the budget of UN-Women by providing, when legislative and budgetary provisions allow, core, multi-year, predictable, stable and sustainable voluntary contributions, recognizing the importance of adequate funding in enabling UN-Women to implement its strategic plan promptly and effectively, and that the mobilization of financial resources for achieving its goals still remains a challenge;

17. *Also urges* Member States and encourages stakeholders, where applicable, to address gaps and challenges, take specific, measurable, time-bound actions and mobilize adequate financial resources for the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;

18. *Reiterates* the need to take further concrete action to advance the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including by harnessing the potential of technology and innovation and closing the digital divides within and between countries, including the gender digital divide;

19. *Calls upon* Governments and the organs, relevant funds and programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, other international and regional organizations, including financial institutions, and all relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to intensify and accelerate action to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

20. *Looks forward* to the seventy-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in 2030, when the Commission will undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

21. *Encourages* all Member States to make ambitious commitments and develop action-oriented, time-bound targets and well-resourced action plans on gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls towards the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

22. *Encourages* all actors, including Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society, to continue to support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in fulfilling its central role in the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session and, as applicable, to carry out the recommendations of the Commission, welcomes in this regard the Commission's continued sharing of experiences, lessons learned and good practices in overcoming challenges to the full implementation at the national and international levels and the evaluation of progress in the implementation of priority themes, and encourages the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to incorporate the outcomes of the Commission into their work;

23. *Requests* the entities of the United Nations system to systematically and strategically incorporate the outcomes of the Commission on the Status of Women



into their work, within their mandates, and, inter alia, to ensure effective support for the efforts of Member States towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and in this regard encourages UN-Women to continue to use concrete results-based reporting mechanisms and to ensure coherence, consistency and coordination between the normative and operational aspects of its work;

24. *Encourages* States and all stakeholders to strengthen the mainstreaming of a gender perspective into all sectors and in all areas of development;

25. *Reiterates its call upon* the United Nations system, including the main organs, their main committees and subsidiary bodies, the funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, to increase efforts to fully mainstream a gender perspective into all issues under their consideration and within their mandates, as well as into all United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions and their follow-up processes;

26. *Calls upon* States to ensure that intergovernmental processes consistently address gender perspectives in their preparatory processes and outcomes;

27. *Commits* to intensifying efforts to further integrate a gender perspective into the work of the General Assembly, including in plenary and high-level meetings;

28. *Strongly encourages* Governments to continue to support the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, in the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session and in the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

29. *Calls upon* Governments and the United Nations system to encourage the participation of women's groups and other non-governmental organizations specializing in gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in intergovernmental processes, including through increased outreach, funding and capacity-building;

30. *Calls upon* the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system to systematically request the inclusion of a gender perspective in reports of the Secretary-General and other inputs to intergovernmental processes;

31. *Requests* that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies continue to systematically address gender perspectives through gender-sensitive analysis, the provision of data disaggregated by sex, age and disability and the reflection of the contribution of women and girls as agents of change and of the impact of proposed policies and programmes on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and that conclusions and recommendations for further action address the different situations and needs of women and men and girls and boys in order to facilitate gender-responsive policy development, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to convey the importance of reflecting a gender perspective to all stakeholders who provide input to his reports;

32. *Encourages* Member States, with the support of, as appropriate, United Nations entities, including UN-Women, international and regional organizations and other relevant actors, to prioritize the strengthening of national data collection and monitoring capacities with regard to statistics disaggregated by sex and age, as well as national tracking indicators for gender equality and the empowerment of women, through multisectoral efforts and partnerships;



33. *Calls upon* all parts of the United Nations system to continue to play an active role in ensuring the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session through, inter alia, the maintenance of gender specialists in all entities of the United Nations system, as well as by ensuring that all personnel, especially those in the field, receive training and appropriate follow-up, including tools, guidance and support, for accelerated gender mainstreaming, and reaffirms the need to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender;

34. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his continued leadership and efforts towards creating an enabling working environment and accelerating progress towards the goal of 50/50 gender balance at all levels throughout the United Nations system, including the goal of reaching parity at all levels throughout the United Nations system by 2028, as set out in his system-wide strategy on gender parity, and in this regard calls upon the entities of the United Nations system, in collaboration with resident coordinators and heads of agencies and missions, to significantly increase their efforts towards achieving this goal in all locations, with the advice of gender focal points, UN-Women and other bodies, and to provide sufficient financial and human resources for organizational change and for overcoming identified impediments to progress on gender balance;

35. *Also commends* the Secretary-General for requesting the entities of the United Nations to update and regularly monitor entity-specific implementation plans to achieve and maintain the goal of gender parity, and in this regard encourages UN-Women to continue to regularly report on the implementation of and progress made on gender parity through such plans;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further accelerate his efforts to achieve the goal of 50/50 gender balance at all levels throughout the United Nations system, including in the field and in peacekeeping missions, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, considering, in particular, women from the developing and the least developed countries, countries with economies in transition and unrepresented or largely underrepresented Member States, and to ensure the implementation of measures with clear targets and timelines, including temporary special measures, as well as the strengthening of the implementation of policies and measures related to creating enabling working environments, including for work-life balance, and to prevent and address all forms of discrimination, violence, racism, harassment, including sexual harassment, abuse of authority in the workplace and sexual exploitation and abuse, so as to accelerate progress, and managerial and departmental accountability, inter alia, through leadership compacts and performance appraisal systems, with respect to attaining gender parity within the shortest feasible period;

37. *Requests* the entities of the United Nations to strengthen efforts to prevent, address and eliminate sexual harassment, in full alignment with the work of the United Nations Executive Group to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Harassment, continue monitoring and implementation of accountability mechanisms, strengthen leadership, apply a victim-centred approach to all forms of misconduct, enhance training and leverage the knowledge hub on addressing sexual harassment, as well as gender-sensitive exit surveys;

38. *Also requests* the entities of the United Nations, at both headquarters and non-headquarters levels, inter alia, the United Nations country team level, to continue to appoint gender focal points to provide support for the advancement of gender parity, led and coordinated by UN-Women, including through the implementation of entity-specific implementation plans as well as the recommendations contained in the

Enabling Environment Guidelines for the United Nations System and the Field-specific Enabling Environment Guidelines;

39. *Strongly encourages* Member States to identify and regularly submit more women candidates for appointment to positions in the United Nations system, especially at more senior, decision-making and policymaking levels, including in peacekeeping operations and by increasing the number of women peacekeepers, who also include international observers;

40. *Encourages* increased efforts by Governments and the United Nations system to enhance accountability for the implementation of commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the international, regional, national and local levels, including through improved monitoring and reporting on progress in relation to policies, strategies, resource allocations and programmes and by achieving gender balance and promoting investment in girls' education and the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women in fields in which they are traditionally underrepresented;

41. *Reaffirms* that Governments bear the primary responsibility for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and the full and equal enjoyment of their human rights, and that international cooperation has an essential role in assisting developing countries in progressing towards the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;

42. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the United Nations system the findings of his reports in order to strengthen follow-up on these findings and to accelerate the implementation of the present resolution;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an oral report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its seventieth and seventy-first sessions and to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session on the improvement in the status of women in the United Nations system and on progress made and obstacles encountered in achieving gender balance, under the item entitled "Advancement of women";

44. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session on the role, focus, resources and capacities of national machineries for the advancement of women, so as to provide a synthesized assessment of their effectiveness in supporting the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, within the existing report on measures taken and progress achieved in follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

45. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session, under the item entitled "Advancement of women", on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session.