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### INTRODUCTION

The following booklet contains relevant sections of the principal international agreements over the past twenty years where countries have committed to responding to violence against women and girls.

#### These include:

- Area D of the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** (1995), a global policy framework and blueprint for action for the empowerment of women and girls;
- the Agreed Conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, adopted at its fifty-seventh session (2013); and
- the 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 (2015).

The booklet also provides a summary of the trends in national implementation of the Platform for Action, specifically in relation to one of the identified critical areas of concern, **violence against women**, as well as an overview of the role of UN Women in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular, the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and **SDG 5, "Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls."** 

A list of UN Women and other relevant documents relating to the Beijing Platform, with links to websites, is also included in the booklet.

### I. BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION\*

\* Adopted at the 16th plenary meeting, on 15 September 1995;

The Fourth World Conference on Women, Having met in Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995,

- **1. Adopts** the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which are annexed to the present resolution;
- **2. Recommends** to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fiftieth session that it endorse the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as adopted by the Conference.

#### **BEIJING DECLARATION**

- 1. We, the Governments participating in the Fourth World Conference on Women,
- 2. Gathered here in Beijing in September 1995, the year of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations,
- 3. Determined to advance the goals of equality, development and peace for all women everywhere in the interest of all humanity,
- 4. Acknowledging the voices of all women everywhere and taking note of the diversity of women and their roles and circumstances, honouring the women who paved the way and inspired by the hope present in the world's youth,
- 5. Recognize that the status of women has advanced in some important respects in the past decade but that progress has been uneven, inequalities between women and men have persisted and major obstacles remain, with serious consequences for the well-being of all people,
- 6. Also recognize that this situation is exacerbated by the increasing poverty that is affecting the lives of the majority of the world's people, in particular women and children, with origins in both the national and international domains.

7. Dedicate ourselves unreservedly to addressing these constraints and obstacles and thus enhancing further the advancement and empowerment of women all over the world, and agree that this requires urgent action in the spirit of determination, hope, cooperation and solidarity, now and to carry us forward into the next century.

We reaffirm our commitment to:

- 8. The equal rights and inherent human dignity of women and men and other purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments, in particular the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women and the Declaration on the Right to Development;
- 9. Ensure the full implementation of the human rights of women and of the girl child as an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 10. Build on consensus and progress made at previous United Nations conferences and summits on women in Nairobi in 1985, on children in New York in 1990, on environment and development in

Rio de Janeiro in 1992, on human rights in Vienna in 1993, on population and development in Cairo in 1994 and on social development in Copenhagen in 1995 with the objective of achieving equality, development and peace;

- 11. Achieve the full and effective implementation of the Nairobi Forwardlooking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;
- 12. The empowerment and advancement of women, including the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, thus contributing to the moral, ethical, spiritual and intellectual needs of women and men, individually or in community with others and thereby guaranteeing them the possibility of realizing their full potential in society and shaping their lives in accordance with their own aspirations.

We are convinced that:

- 13. Women's empowerment and their full participation on the basis of equality in all spheres of society, including participation in the decision-making process and access to power, are fundamental for the achievement of equality, development and peace;
- 14. Women's rights are human rights;
- 15. Equal rights, opportunities and access to resources, equal sharing of responsibilities for the family by men and women, and a harmonious partnership between them are critical to their well-being and that of their families as well as to the consolidation of democracy;
- 16. Eradication of poverty based on sustained economic growth, social development, environmental protection and social justice requires the involvement of women in economic and social development, equal opportunities and the full and equal participation of women and men as agents and beneficiaries of people-centred sustainable development;

- 17. The explicit recognition and reaffirmation of the right of all women to control all aspects of their health, in particular their own fertility, is basic to their empowerment;
- 18. Local, national, regional and global peace is attainable and is inextricably linked with the advancement of women, who are a fundamental force for leadership, conflict resolution and the promotion of lasting peace at all levels;
- 19. It is essential to design, implement and monitor, with the full participation of women, effective, efficient and mutually reinforcing gender-sensitive policies and programmes, including development policies and programmes, at all levels that will foster the empowerment and advancement of women;
- 20. The participation and contribution of all actors of civil society, particularly women's groups and networks and other non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, with full respect for their autonomy, in cooperation with Governments, are important to the effective implementation and follow-up of the Platform for Action;
- 21. The implementation of the Platform for Action requires commitment from Governments and the international community. By making national and international commitments for action, including those made at the Conference, Governments and the international community recognize the need to take priority action for the empowerment and advancement of women.

We are determined to:

- 22. Intensify efforts and actions to achieve the goals of the Nairobi Forwardlooking Strategies for the Advancement of Women by the end of this century;
- 23. Ensure the full enjoyment by women and the girl child of all human rights and fundamental

freedoms and take effective action against violations of these rights and freedoms;

- 24. Take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and the girl child and remove all obstacles to gender equality and the advancement and empowerment of women;
- 25. Encourage men to participate fully in all actions towards equality;
- 26. Promote women's economic independence, including employment, and eradicate the persistent and increasing burden of poverty on women by addressing the structural causes of poverty through changes in economic structures, ensuring equal access for all women, including those in rural areas, as vital development agents, to productive resources, opportunities and public services;
- 27. Promote people-centred sustainable development, including sustained economic growth, through the provision of basic education, lifelong education, literacy and training, and primary health care for girls and women;
- 28. Take positive steps to ensure peace for the advancement of women and, recognizing the leading role that women have played in the peace movement, work actively towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, and support negotiations on the conclusion, without delay, of a universal and multilaterally and effectively verifiable comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty which contributes

- 31. Promote and protect all human rights of women and girls;
- 32. Intensify efforts to ensure equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all women and girls who face multiple barriers to their empowerment and advancement b cause of such factors as their race, age, language, ethnicity, culture, religion, or disability, or because they are indigenous people;
- 33. Ensure respect for international law, including humanitarian law, in order to protect women and girls in particular;
- 34. Develop the fullest potential of girls and women of all ages, ensure their full and equal participation in building a better world for all and enhance their role in the development process.

We are determined to:

- 35. Ensure women's equal access to economic resources, including land, credit, science and technology, vocational training, information, communication and markets, as a means to further the advancement and empowerment of women and girls, including through the enhancement of their capacities to enjoy the benefits of equal access to these resources, inter alia, by means of international cooperation;
- 36. Ensure the success of the Platform for Action, which will require a strong commitment on the part of Governments, international organizations and institutions at all levels. We are deeply con-

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