

Interactive meeting on gender

Final remarks PR of Namibia

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- We thank Ms. Mayanja and the other representatives of the UN system for their participation and the presentation of the additional information in response to the questions raised by Member States in previous meetings.
- The debate on the reform of the gender architecture has been going on for some time now. Member States have received four documents from the Secretary-General plus the additional information presented today. All these papers constitute a good basis for the intergovernmental work ahead. The time has come for Member States to identify common ground with a view to strengthening the UN gender architecture.
- For our part, we will work on an executive summary on this matter in order to reflect the status of the current discussions and make some recommendations on the way forward.
- During the month of June, the Co-Chairs intend to meet with regional groups and individual delegations on the issues involved in the process of System-wide Coherence. We also intend to hold a joint informal consultation on the three

issues in the second half of June. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all delegations to prepare for that meeting in the spirit of consensus-building geared towards substantive action on the three main issues during the current GA session.