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Excellency,

As delegations may recall, on 15 April Member States held an interactive meeting with representatives of the United Nations system involved in the elaboration of the Secretary-General's document entitled "Further Details on Institutional Options for Strengthening the Institutional Arrangements for Support of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women". During that meeting, a number of delegations requested the United Nations bodies involved in the elaboration of the Secretary-General's document to provide supplementary information in writing in response to the questions and comments raised by Member States in the course of the interactive meeting. This supplementary information will be transmitted to Member States on 18 May.

It is therefore the intention of the Co-Chairs to convene another interactive meeting with representatives of the United Nations bodies involved in the process of strengthening institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20 May from 3 to 6 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber**. In this regard, the Co-Chairs would like to remind delegations that the supplementary information to be considered in the interactive meeting next Wednesday complements the Secretary-General's four previous submissions to the General Assembly. For ease of reference, all these documents are available on the web (www.un.org/ga/president/63/issues/swc.shtml).

After the interactive meeting on 20 May, the Co-Chairs will work on an executive summary based on the current status of the discussions and containing some recommendations on the way forward with the ultimate goal of achieving consensus on this issue.

We look forward to having a constructive and fruitful dialogue between Member States and the United Nations representatives next week in order to pave the way for substantive action on this important matter by the General Assembly during its sixty-third session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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