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Excellency,

As delegations may recall, on 30 March and 1 April the second plenary informal consultations took place in order to consider the paper entitled “Further Details on Institutional Options for Strengthening the Institutional Arrangements for Support of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women”, prepared by the Secretary-General and transmitted by the President of the General Assembly to all delegations on 13 March. The Co-Chairs take this opportunity to thank delegations for their active participation and all the statements made during the second plenary informal consultations.

During the substantive and interesting meetings held last week, the Co-Chairs took note of the comments and questions expressed by numerous delegations about the paper submitted by the Secretary-General in response to operative paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution A/RES/62/277, in particular regarding the option of the “composite entity”. In order to respond to those comments and questions, carry forward the work on the reform of the gender architecture and build consensus among Member States on this matter, on Wednesday 15 April the Co-Chairs will convene a working-level interactive session of Member States with representatives of the United Nations system involved in the elaboration of the Secretary-General’s paper on the reform of the gender architecture.

The meeting will take place in conference room 3 from 3 to 6 pm.

We look forward to a constructive and fruitful dialogue between Member States and the United Nations system 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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