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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”: review of gender mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system

Proposals for the Secretary-General’s strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Commission on the Status of Women has before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the preparation of the Secretary-General’s strategic framework for the subprogramme on gender issues and advancement of women for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269, in which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, which would comprise in one document part one, plan outline, and part two, biennial programme plan, to replace the current medium-term plan.

2. The attention of the Commission is drawn to rule 104.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring and Implementation and the Methods of Implementation:

“Rule 104.6: The Secretary-General shall take appropriate measures to submit proposals to the sectoral, functional and regional bodies to enable them to review the relevant portions of the medium-term plan or its revisions with a view to facilitating their consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the General Assembly.”

3. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the subprogramme on gender issues and advancement of women contained in the

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** The present document was submitted late owing to the late receipt of instructions on preparation of the strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

annex to the present document and to provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be first submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

Annex

Strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Part two: biennial programme plan

Programme 7: Economic and social affairs

Subprogramme 7.2: Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective

To strengthen achievement of gender equality and the advancement of women, including women's full enjoyment of their human rights.

Strategy

The Office of the Special Adviser on Women and Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women are responsible for the subprogramme.

The strategy will include: promoting increased awareness and support for implementation of the mandates contained in the outcome documents of the major United Nations conferences, especially the Fourth World Conference on Women and the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 and other resolutions and decisions, such as Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), as well as on obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; providing technical advisory services upon request at the regional and national levels, through capacity-building, including on implementation and reporting requirements under the Convention and its Optional Protocol; providing effective servicing for intergovernmental bodies and a treaty body, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; advocating and promoting understanding of and support for emerging issues on gender equality and the advancement of women through research and analysis in order to present evidence based policy recommendations to Member States; promoting, supporting and monitoring gender mainstreaming at the national level, in intergovernmental processes and within the United Nations system, including through the development of methodologies and tools and monitoring instruments; increasing inter-agency collaboration, including on gender mainstreaming; expanding outreach and communication to civil society and facilitating increased involvement in intergovernmental processes and the work on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and enhancing the achievement of gender equality, including gender balance and a gender-sensitive work environment within the United Nations system.

<i>Expected accomplishment</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Enhanced international debate and agreements facilitated on gender equality and the advancement of women and increased attention to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly at the national level	<p>Percentage of recommendations proposed by the Division for the Advancement of Women that are used in the formulation of resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions</p> <p>Number of Member States specifying actions taken to implement the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly at the national level during meetings of the General Assembly and the Commission</p>
Enhanced capacity of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to fulfil its mandate under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol to the Convention, and increased ability of stakeholders to implement the Convention and to use the Optional Protocol	<p>Percentage of options and recommendations proposed by the Division that are reflected in the decisions of the Committee</p> <p>Increased number of government officials, judicial officers and other stakeholders, including United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations, with the capacity to implement the Convention and to use the Optional Protocol</p>
Improved capacity of Member States, intergovernmental bodies and entities of the United Nations system effectively to incorporate gender perspectives into policies and programmes, at both the programmatic and the operational levels	<p>Number of resolutions of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council incorporating attention to gender perspectives</p> <p>Number of Member States and United Nations entities reporting to the Commission on actions taken to implement gender mainstreaming at the national level</p> <p>Number of entities of the United Nations system reporting to the Commission on actions taken to incorporate gender perspectives in their policies and programmes</p>
Increased inter-agency collaboration on the promotion of gender equality and the advancement of women, including on the implementation of gender mainstreaming	Number of joint activities by members of the Inter-agency Network on Women and Gender Equality, including task forces, workshops and panels

<i>Expected accomplishment</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
Increased action taken throughout the United Nations and the United Nations system in support of achievement of gender balance and a more gender-sensitive work environment	<p>Number of gender-sensitive work-life policies developed and implemented within the United Nations and the United Nations system</p> <p>Number of United Nations departments/offices, peace operations and United Nations entities increasing representation of women in posts at the Professional category and above</p>

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

34/180	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
48/121	World Conference on Human Rights
54/4	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
54/134	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
56/201	Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/176	Trafficking in women and girls
57/177	Situation of older women in society
57/179	Working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour
57/181	Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
58/142	Women and political participation
58/143	Violence against women migrant workers
58/144	Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

- 58/145 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- 58/146 Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas
- 58/147 Elimination of domestic violence against women
- 58/148 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
- 58/185 In-depth study on all forms of violence against women
- 58/206 Women in development
- 58/218 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- 58/269 Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change

Economic and Social Council resolutions

- 76 (V) Communications concerning the status of women
- 304 (XI) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (fourth session)
- 1992/19 Communications on the status of women
- 1996/6 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
- 1998/26 Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development
- 1999/257 Enabling the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to carry out its mandate
- 2001/4 Proposals for a multi-year programme of work for the Commission on the Status of Women for 2002-2006
- 2003/6 The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits
- 2003/42 Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women
- 2003/43 Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan
- 2003/44 Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women

2003/49 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1997/2 Mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

2002/1 Agreed conclusions on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role assigned to it in the Charter of the United Nations, as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

2002 The contribution of human resource development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development

Security Council resolutions

1325 (2000) Women, peace and security
