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**Report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Ten-year review and appraisal of the
Beijing Platform for Action
for the
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The Task Force was established at the Third Meeting of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality. It met five times intersessionally and exchanged information electronically.

Members of the task force included DAW (task manager), DPI, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, OSAGI, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNIFEM and World Bank.

Objectives of the task force

The task force's objectives were to develop a webpage on the review and appraisal process; organize on-line discussions prior to the 49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women; coordinate on communications and outreach and give visibility to the IANWGE and work of its members during the 49th session; and interact with the MDG task force.

Activities undertaken

Webpage

Due to problems of continuity in the Webmanager position for WomenWatch, a separate section was not established on WomenWatch. A link was established to the DAW webpage on the review and appraisal process.

On-line discussions

The online discussions, were organized centrally by DAW in collaboration with different members of the IANWGE. A total of eleven online discussions were held on health (WHO, UNFPA and UNAIDS); education and training of women and the girl child (UNESCO/UNICEF); vision of young women and men for gender equality (DAW); women and the environment (UNEP); women and poverty (World Bank); women and armed conflict (ESCWA); trafficking in women (UNODC); women and the economy (UNDP); human rights of women (OHCHR) and violence against women (UNIFEM); and institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women (ESCAP). Each on-line discussion was held over four weeks, with the entities facilitating the discussions taking responsibility for posting the discussion guide and weekly topics, providing a facilitator

to prepare the topics, guide the discussion and prepare the summary report at the end of the discussions. (A separate report on the on-line discussions has been prepared).

Coordination on communications and outreach

The task force members shared information regularly on communication and outreach activities to be undertaken on the ten-year review and appraisal, including posters, postcards, documentaries and publications.

One activity was undertaken as an inter-agency initiative. DAW coordinated an exhibit on the theme: "Making a difference through gender equality and women's empowerment: Thirty years of United Nations efforts to promote gender equality and empower women." Contributions of text and photographs were received from members of IANWGE. The exhibit has four sections: a collage on inter-agency members; a section on the critical areas of concern and other issues; a section on the United Nations world conferences on women; and a small section with photographs of the two Nobel Prize Winners from 2004. This activity raises the profile of the IANWGE during the CSW.

In addition, facilities have been made available for members to showcase their materials during the CSW.

Interaction with the MDG task force

Some members of the ten-year review and appraisal task force are also members of the MDG task force, and in this way members of the MDG task force were provided with information and given the opportunity to exchange on the ten-year review process. Information was provided on the DAW Expert Group Meeting on linking the implementation of the Platform for Action and the MDGs (held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 7-10 February 2005) and members were encouraged to attend. The report of the Expert Group Meeting is available to IANWGE members. No separate meeting was held with the MDG task force.

Updates on the preparations for the Commission on the Status of Women

Through the meetings of the task force, DAW regularly shared information on the preparations for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), including aspects such as activities of the bureau of the CSW, documentation, participation of NGOs and side events.