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PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

Gender equality and women's empowerment continue to face substantial challenges globally. Despite being recognized as agents of change for sustainable development, women are still disproportionately affected by persistent poverty, armed conflicts, climate change and economic crises. As 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations and the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we are further reminded of the need to break down barriers that prevent women from fully participating in economic life.

With this in mind, I have identified gender equality and women's empowerment as one of my priorities, with a focus on the promotion of women's economic empowerment and participation as well as the implementation of gender equality related actions and commitments in the Pact for the Future.

In paragraph 41 of General Assembly resolution 77/335 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, Member States acknowledged the convening of the advisory board and encouraged its continuation at future sessions of the General Assembly.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have re-established the Advisory Board on Gender Equality as an informal mechanism to help mainstream a gender perspective across my priorities and the work of the General Assembly. Attached is the list of the members of the Advisory Board on Gender Equality and the terms of reference of the Advisory Board.

I take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation to all members of the Advisory Board who have accepted this important role and thank them for their continued support.

For further information on the Board, you may contact Ms. Nyambura Ngugi, Senior Advisor on Gender Equality (Nyambura.ngugi@un.org) at my office.

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



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