Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

1. The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 77-78.
Annex

Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

We, the representatives of Governments gathered at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, in the context of the review of the outcomes of the Conference and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, and its contribution to the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council in 2010, on the theme “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women”, and the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, to be held from 20 to 22 September 2010, which will focus on accelerating progress towards the achievement of all of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

1. Reaffirm the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the declaration of the Commission on the Status of Women on the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women;
2. Welcome the progress made thus far towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, stress that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and, in this regard, pledge to undertake further action to ensure their full and accelerated implementation;
3. Emphasize that the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is essential to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and stress the need to ensure the integration of a gender perspective in the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on accelerating progress towards the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;
4. Recognize that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fulfilment of the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women;
5. Call upon the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as all women and men, to fully commit themselves and intensify their contributions to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and

1 Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.
2 Ibid., annex II.
3 General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.
Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Draft resolution for adoption by the Council

2. The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women*

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women,5

Recalling the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,6 in particular paragraph 260 concerning Palestinian women and children, the Beijing Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women,7 and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”,8


Recalling further the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women9 as it concerns the protection of civilian populations,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,10 the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights10 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,11 and reaffirming that these human rights instruments must be respected in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Expressing deep concern about the grave situation of Palestinian women in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, resulting from the severe impact of the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation and all of its manifestations,

Expressing grave concern over the increased difficulties being faced by Palestinian women and girls living under Israeli occupation, including the

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 79-85.
7 Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.
8 General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.
9 See General Assembly resolution 48/104.
10 General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.