

Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

pp.1 Recalling that, in its resolutions 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, 1990/15 of 24 May 1990, 1996/6 of 22 July 1996, 2001/4 of 24 July 2001, 2006/9 of 25 July 2006, and 2009/15 of 28 July 2009 the Council adopted multi-year programmes of work for a focused and thematic approach for the Commission on the Status of Women, (ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp.3)

pp.2 Recalling that, in its resolution 2009/15, the Council confirmed that it should continue to keep the working methods of the Commission on the Status of Women under review, (based on ECOSOC res. 2009/15, op 1)

pp.3 Recalling also that, in its resolution 2009/15, the Council decided that the Commission, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2013, would discuss the possibility of conducting in 2015 a review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, (based on ECOSOC res. 2009/15, op 3)

pp.4 Recalling further that, in its resolution 2009/15, the Council decided that at its fifty-seventh session, in 2013, the Commission would decide on priority themes for future sessions, (based on ECOSOC res. 2009/15, op 3)

pp.5 Recalling its resolution 2012/30 of 27 July 2012, in which the Council called upon the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies, within their respective mandates, to provide coherent support to the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, (based on ECOSOC res. 2012/30)

pp.6 Reaffirming the primary responsibility of the Commission on the Status of Women for the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, (ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp 6)

pp.7 Recognizing that the organization of work of the Commission should contribute to advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, (ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp 7)

pp.8 Recognizing also that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly 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, (ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp 8)

pp.9 Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of

the General Assembly, and underlining the catalytic role of the Commission in promoting gender mainstreaming, (ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp 9)

pp.10 Recognizing the importance of non-governmental organizations, as well as other civil society actors, in advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and their contribution to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and, in this respect, the work of the Commission, (based on ECOSOC res. 2009/15, pp 10),

A. Methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

1. Decides that, at its fifty-eighth session, the Commission on the Status of Women should review the functioning of its methods of work, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/9 and confirmed in its resolution 2009/15, with a view to further enhance the Commission's work;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-eighth session, a report on ways and means for further enhancing the Commission's work;

B. Theme for 2015

3. Decides that in 2015, at its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women, as well as opportunities for ensuring the full integration of gender perspectives into the post-2015 development framework; (E/CN.6/2013/7, paras 20 and 21)

4. Calls on all States to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and encourages the regional commissions to undertake regional reviews so that the outcomes of regional-level intergovernmental processes can feed into the 2015 review; (based on E/CN.6/2013/7, para 20)

5. Strongly encourages Governments to continue to support the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session (A/RES/67/148, op 17), and in this regard, calls on Governments to collaborate with relevant stakeholders at all levels of preparations for the 2015 review so as to benefit from their experience and expertise;

C. Themes for 2016 and beyond

6. Also decides that in 2016, at its sixtieth session,

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a. the priority theme will be “Women’s economic empowerment and sustainable development”;

b. the review theme will be “The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls”; (based on E/CN.6/2013/7, para 7)

7. Requests the Commission, at its sixtieth session in 2016, to decide on priority themes for future sessions, taking into consideration the findings of the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in 2015, opportunities to enhance gender perspectives within the post-2015 development framework, as well as the review of the functioning of its methods of work; (based on E/CN.6/2013/7, para 6)

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its sixtieth session, a report with proposals on the Commission’s priority themes for future sessions. (Based on E/CN.6/2013/7, para 6)