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**Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development**

**Letter dated 10 April 2006 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council**

At its fiftieth session, the Commission on the Status of Women agreed that I should draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the note prepared by the Secretariat entitled "Creating an environment at the national and international levels, conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development" (E/CN.6/2006/CRP.4) for the information of the Council in relation to its high-level segment of 2006.

The note is in reference to Council resolution 2001/27 of 26 July 2001, in paragraph 3 of which the Council invited its functional commissions to provide concise, action-oriented input to its annual high-level and/or coordinated segments.

The note highlights recommendations for action to promote women's full employment and access to decent work contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

I hope that the Council will find this contribution useful in its preparations for the high-level segment, by facilitating attention to gender perspectives in the consideration of this important topic.

(Signed) Carmen María **Gallardo**  
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