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Corrigendum

1. Draft resolution III, fourth preambular paragraph

For the existing text *substitute*

Recognizing that rural women are critical agents in poverty reduction, that they are crucial to the achievement of food and nutrition security in poor and vulnerable households and to environmental sustainability and that, in other ways, they are also critical to the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals, and concerned that rural women continue to be economically and socially disadvantaged because of their limited access to economic resources and opportunities, their limited or lack of access to land, water and other resources, their limited or lack of access to credit, extension services and agricultural inputs, their exclusion from planning and decision-making and their disproportionate burden of unpaid care work,

2. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (b)

For the existing text *substitute*

(b) Pursuing the political and socioeconomic empowerment of rural women and supporting their full and equal participation in decision-making at all levels, including through affirmative action, where appropriate, and support for women's and farmers' organizations in which smallholder women farmers are members, labour unions or other associations and civil society groups promoting rural women's rights;

3. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (d)

For the existing text *substitute*

(d) Ensuring that perspectives of rural women are taken into account and that they participate in the design, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of policies



and activities related to emergencies, including natural disasters, humanitarian assistance, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction, and taking appropriate measures to eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against rural women in this regard;

4. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (g)

For the existing text *substitute*

(g) Strengthening measures, including resource generation, to accelerate progress towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 5 on improving maternal health by addressing the specific health and nutrition needs of rural women and taking concrete measures to enhance and provide access to the highest attainable standards of health for women in rural areas, as well as quality, affordable and universally accessible primary health care and support services, including in such areas of sexual and reproductive health as prenatal and postnatal health care, emergency obstetric care, family planning information and increasing knowledge, awareness and support for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and by promoting and protecting their reproductive rights in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action and their review outcomes;

5. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (h)

For the existing text *substitute*

(h) Promoting sustainable infrastructure, access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation and safe cooking and heating practices, to improve the health and nutrition of rural women and children;

6. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (k)

For the existing text *substitute*

(k) Ensuring that the rights of older women in rural areas are taken into account with regard to their equal access to basic social services, appropriate social protection/social security measures, equal access to and control of economic resources, and their empowerment through access to financial and infrastructure services, with special focus on the provision of support to older women, including indigenous women, who often have access to few resources and are more vulnerable;

7. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (l)

For the existing text *substitute*

(l) Valuing and supporting the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women in rural areas, in the conservation and sustainable use of traditional crops and biodiversity for present and future generations as an essential contribution to food and nutrition security;

8. Draft resolution III, operative subparagraph 2 (o)

For the existing text *substitute*

(o) Supporting women entrepreneurs and women smallholder farmers, including those in subsistence farming, by facilitating their access to extension and financial services, agricultural inputs and land, water sanitation and irrigation, market and innovative technologies;
