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**Social and human rights questions: advancement of women**

## Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 17 July 2020

[on the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/2020/27)]

### 2020/15. Multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*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, [2009/15](#) of 28 July 2009, [2013/18](#) of 24 July 2013 and [2016/3](#) of 2 June 2016, the Council adopted multi-year programmes of work for a focused and thematic approach for the Commission on the Status of Women,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution [2018/8](#) of 12 June 2018, the Council requested the Commission at its sixty-fourth session to decide on its future multi-year programme of work,

*Recalling further* its resolution [2015/6](#) of 8 June 2015, in which the Council requested the Commission to continue to apply a thematic approach to its work and to adopt a multi-year programme of work to allow for predictability and adequate time for preparation; and, in selecting its priority theme, to take into consideration, in addition to the Beijing Platform for Action<sup>1</sup> and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,<sup>2</sup> the programme of work of the Council, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>3</sup> so as to build synergies and contribute to the work of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, according to the modalities established by the Assembly and the Council in the context of the high-level political forum,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women, in accordance with their respective mandates

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<sup>1</sup> *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.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution [S-23/2](#), annex, and resolution [S-23/3](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).



and with Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and other relevant resolutions, should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism that would play the primary role in overall policymaking and follow-up and in coordinating the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action, and reaffirming the catalytic role of the Commission in mainstreaming a gender perspective in policies and programmes,

*Acknowledging* the centrality of the Beijing Platform for Action to the work of the Commission, and recognizing that a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework of the 2030 Agenda will make a vital contribution to the implementation of the Platform for Action and help countries to maximize and track progress in order to ensure that no one is left behind,

#### A. Themes for the period 2021–2024

1. *Decides* that the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women for the sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions will be as follows:

- (a) Sixty-fifth session (2021):
  - (i) Priority theme: Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
  - (ii) Review theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session);
- (b) Sixty-sixth session (2022):
  - (i) Priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes;
  - (ii) Review theme: Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session);
- (c) Sixty-seventh session (2023):
  - (i) Priority theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
  - (ii) Review theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session);
- (d) Sixty-eighth session (2024):
  - (i) Priority theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective;
  - (ii) Review theme: Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session);

2. *Requests* the Commission, in order to achieve concrete results in each review cycle, to consider and make a recommendation at its sixty-sixth session, in 2022, on how best to utilize the year 2025, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, so as to accelerate the achievement of

gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the full realization of their human rights;

3. *Affirms* that the Commission will contribute to the thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals taking place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

**B. Methods of work**

4. *Decides* that at its sixty-sixth session, in 2022, the Commission should review, as appropriate, its methods of work, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2015/6, taking into consideration the outcome of the process of alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly and the Council and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to further enhancing the impact of the work of the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session, taking into consideration the outcome of the process of alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly and the Council and its subsidiary bodies, a report on ways and means to further enhance the impact of the work of the Commission.

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