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Social and human rights questions: advancement of women

Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 10 June 2025

[on the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/2025/27)]

2025/3. 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, [2016/3](#) of 2 June 2016 and [2020/15](#) of 17 July 2020, 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 [2022/5](#) of 8 June 2022, the Council requested the Commission at its sixty-ninth session to decide on its future multi-year programme of work,

Recalling further its resolution [2022/4](#) of 8 June 2022, 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; in selecting its priority theme, taking into consideration, in addition to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹ and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,² the programme of work of the Council, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³ so as to build synergies and contribute to the work of the Council system and the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

Recalling that the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women, in accordance with their respective mandates and in accordance with Assembly resolution [48/162](#) of 20 December 1993 and other

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 I, annexes I and II.

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

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



relevant resolutions, should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism that would play the primary role in the overall policymaking and follow-up, and in coordinating the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and 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 on the Status of Women, 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 Beijing Declaration and 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 2026–2029

1. *Decides* that the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women for the seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second and seventy-third sessions will be as follows:

(a) Seventieth session (2026):

(i) Priority theme: Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices, and addressing structural barriers;

(ii) Review 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 (agreed conclusions from the sixty-fifth session);

(b) Seventy-first session (2027):

(i) Priority theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

(ii) Review 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 (agreed conclusions from the sixty-sixth session);

(c) Seventy-second session (2028):

(i) Priority theme: Recognizing and strengthening care and support systems to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

(ii) Review theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (agreed conclusions from the sixty-seventh session);

(d) Seventy-third session (2029):

(i) Priority theme: Women and girls in humanitarian emergencies: advancing women's participation and leadership, and achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in this context;

(ii) Review 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 (agreed conclusions from the sixty-eighth session);

2. *Requests* the Commission to consider and make a recommendation at its seventy-first session, in 2027, on how best to utilize the year 2030, on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, so as to accelerate the realization 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;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 67 of General Assembly resolution [79/147](#) of 17 December 2024, and invites the Commission to consider placing the issue of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all older women as a focus area of its seventieth session;

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

5. *Recalls* that, at its seventy-first session, in 2027, the Commission should review, as appropriate, its methods of work, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution [2022/4](#), 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;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its seventy-first session a report on ways and means to further enhance the impact of the work of the Commission, including by taking into consideration the outcome of the forthcoming inclusive intergovernmental process with the participation of all Member States to explore options to revitalize the Commission upon its completion, under the auspices of the President of the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

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