

**Commission on the Status of Women
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**Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development
Draft agreed conclusions**

PP1. The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and the declarations adopted by the Commission on the occasion of the tenth, fifteenth and twentieth anniversaries of the Fourth World Conference on Women. [1.]

PP2. The Commission reaffirms that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women **[and the Convention on the Rights of the Child] [and the Optional Protocols thereto]**, as well as other [relevant] **[human rights]** conventions and treaties provide an international legal framework and a comprehensive set of measures for realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, **[the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all women and girls] throughout their life cycle,** [without distinction of any kind], and **[the elimination and prevention of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls].** [2.]

PP3. **[The Commission reaffirms that the promotion and protection of, and respect for, the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women, including the right to development, which are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, should be mainstreamed into all policies and programmes to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.]** [2.1.]

PP4. The Commission reaffirms the **[international]** commitments to **[realize]** gender equality and the empowerment of **[all]** women and girls **[and their human rights]** made at relevant United Nations summits and conferences, **[including the International Conference on Population and Development and its Programme of Action and the outcome documents of its review conferences], [the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction],** the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development **and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,** [as well as other meetings including, *inter alia*, the Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment held on 27 September 2015 and the High-Level Review of Security Council Resolution 1325 of 13 October 2015]. [3.]

PP5. **[The Commission acknowledges the important role played by regional conventions, instruments and initiatives in their respective regions and countries in the achievement of sustainable development and gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and their human rights.]** [4.5.]

PP6. The Commission [reaffirms] that **the full, effective and accelerated implementation** of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action [**and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**], the outcomes of [all] [relevant] major United Nations conferences and summits [**and the follow up to these conferences,**] have laid a solid foundation for sustainable development and [**will make an essential contribution to the implementation of**] the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that will leave no one behind. [4. and 4.3. and elements of 2. and 4.2. merged]

[4.2. merged into 5.] [4.3. merged with 4. and elements of 4.2.] [4.4. follows 8.9.] [4.5. follows 2.1.] [4.6. merged with 7.6., 7.7. and 8.]

PP7. The Commission welcomes the commitments to gender equality, and the empowerment of all women and girls [**and their human rights**] in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. **It recognizes that women play a vital role as agents of development** and [reaffirms] that realizing gender equality and the empowerment of [all] women and girls **is not only a goal in itself but** will make a crucial contribution to progress across all Sustainable Development Goals and targets. [The achievement of full human potential and of sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied its full human rights and opportunities]. [5./first part merged with 4.2.]

[5.2. merged into 5./second part; 5.2., 6.6., 7.3.] [5.3. merged into 5. and 5.3., 6.3., 6.6., 7.2. 8., 8.10.]

Poverty

PP8. **The Commission reaffirms that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. It acknowledges the mutually reinforcing links between the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and the eradication of poverty, and that women and girls must enjoy a basic standard of living, including through social protection systems.** [6 merged with 5.4., 7.2. and 7.3.]

[5.5. merged with 8./follows 6.4. after poverty.] [5.6. – addressed in 3., 7., ab, b.3. and c.,d.,e. merger, f alt. and h alt. merger.] [5.7. and 7.8. moved after 6. and 6.2. merged] [5.8. – merged with 7.8.]

*Education**

PP9. **The Commission reaffirms that the realization of the right to education, especially for girls, contributes to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, human rights, and sustainable development, and therefore women and girls must enjoy equal access to quality education at all levels – early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary, technical and vocational training.** [5.2. merged into 6.6., 5./second part, 7.3.]

*Economic empowerment**

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PP10. The Commission recognizes that women’s economic rights, economic empowerment and independence are central to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It underlines the importance of undertaking legislative and administrative reforms to give women equal rights and access to economic and productive resources, including property and inheritance rights and equal opportunities with men and boys for employment. [6.3. merged with elements of 5., 5.3., elements of 6.6. and 7.2., 8., 8.10]

PP11. The Commission further recognizes that achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the full integration of women into the formal economy, in particular into economic decision-making, which means changing the current gender-based division of labour to ensure that household responsibilities and unpaid care work are equally shared, valued and recognized. [6.4.]

Humanitarian

PP12. The Commission recognizes that conflict, natural disasters, humanitarian emergencies, and other emergency situations have an excessive negative impact on women and girls and that peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. It therefore recognizes that it is essential to ensure that women are empowered to equitably and meaningfully participate with men, their needs and interests are prioritized in strategies and responses, and the human rights of women and girls are promoted and protected in all development efforts, as well in conflict, humanitarian emergencies, and other emergency situations[, as laid out in relevant Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace and Security]. [8.2., elements of 8.3., 8.4. and d.3]

*Violence against women and girls**

PP13. The Commission strongly condemns all forms of violence against women and girls. It expresses deep concern that discrimination and violence against women and girls continue to occur in all parts of the world and that all forms of violence against women and girls, including harmful practices [such as child, early, and forced marriage], are impediments to the development of their full potential as equal partners with men and boys in all aspects of life, as well as obstacles to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. [7.5. and 8.5. merged with 5.8.]

*Inequalities/discrimination**

PP14. The Commission welcomes progress made towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and [notes the universal context of gender equality], but recognizes that no country has [fully] achieved gender equality and the empowerment of [all] women and girls and that significant levels of inequality between women and men, girls and boys persist globally. Therefore the Commission recognizes that gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the acceleration of action of both new and existing commitments to realizing gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls [and their human rights], [bearing in mind that many

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women and girls experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, vulnerability and marginalisation throughout their life cycle]. [6. and 6.2. merged with elements of 4.]

*Financing**

PP15. The Commission reaffirms the importance of significantly increased investment to close resource gaps [, including through the mobilization of financial resources from all sources, including domestic resource mobilization and allocation and increased priority on gender equality and the empowerment of women in official development assistance to build on progress achieved], and enhance international cooperation and technical and financial assistance to achieve sustainable development. [5.5. with elements of 8.]

[6.5 – withdrawn]

PP16. The Commission [stresses the urgency of full, effective and accelerated] implementation **of the Beijing Platform for Action**, and emphasizes that the national [**and international**] implementation of the [entire] 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [**taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities**] [must] contribute to the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls [**and their human rights**]. [The systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation, [**follow-up and review**] of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is crucial.] [7.]

[7.2. in 5., 5.3., 5.4.] [7.3. in 5.4., 5.] [7.4. merged with 9., e.5 in OP]

PP17. [The Commission reaffirms that Member States will work to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within their own countries and at the regional and global levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities, as well as respecting national policy space for sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, in particular for developing States.] [8.6. and 8.8.]

PP18. [The Commission reaffirms that implementing the Beijing Platform for Action and related provisions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the sovereign responsibility of each State, in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the significance of and full respect for various religious and ethical values, cultural backgrounds and philosophical convictions of individuals.] [8.7.]

PP19. [The Commission reaffirms that the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of gender equality and empowerment of women requires a revitalized Global Partnership and an intensive global engagement in support of implementation of all the goals and targets, bringing together Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations system and other actors.] [8.9.]

PP20. [The Commission reaffirms that Governments have the primary responsibility for implementing the Sustainable Development Agenda and take a leading role in coordinating, monitoring and assessing progress in the advancement of women and girls.] [4.4.]

PP21. [The Commission acknowledges the major contributions made by civil society, including women’s and community-based organizations, feminist groups and women human rights defenders in placing the interests, needs and visions of women and girls on local, national, regional and international agendas, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognizes that open engagement, consultation and cooperation with civil society, in particular women’s groups, human rights organizations and gender equality experts, on all aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should be an integral part of implementation.] [4.6., 7.6., 7.7., 8.]

PP22. The Commission recognizes the importance of taking measures to fully engage men and boys as agents and beneficiaries of change in the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and promotion of rights of women and girls, and as allies in the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, including through the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda. [7.8. merged with 5.7.]

PP23. [The Commission expresses grave concern at acts of violence and discrimination, in all regions of the world, committed against individuals because of their sexual orientation and gender identity;] [x.3.]

PP24. In order to ensure that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development delivers fully for women and girls and that its gains are irreversible, the Commission calls on States to strengthen normative, legal and policy frameworks; enhance national institutional arrangements; foster enabling environments for financing gender equality and women’s empowerment; strengthen women’s leadership and support women’s civil society organizations; and strengthen gender-responsive data collection, follow-up and review, monitoring and accountability processes. [8.]

Note: Paragraph restates subtitles of OP section; to be discussed with subtitles.

OP1. [The Commission [urges/calls upon/encourages] governments, [at all levels, and] [as appropriate,] the [relevant] entities of the United Nations system, international, regional, [local] [and community-based] organizations, [national human rights institutions where they exist,] [supreme audit institutions where they exist,] [within their respective mandates and bearing in mind national priorities, and invites [with the participation of relevant stakeholders,] [women’s,] [girls’, feminists] and other civil society [including non-governmental] organizations, [religious and community leaders, employer organizations, trade unions, media] [and] the private sector [, and other relevant actors,], [as applicable] to take the following actions [at the national, local, regional, and global levels]:] [9.]

OP2. [The Commission, in order to continue working towards full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and to ensure that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development delivers fully for women and girls and that gains are irreversible, urges governments and, as appropriate, the relevant entities of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations, women's and other civil society organizations, and the private sector, to take the following actions at the national, regional, and global levels:] [Merger 8. and 9. A)]

OP3. [The Commission recognizes that the Beijing Platform of Action laid a solid foundation for sustainable development and helped to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, the Commission urges Governments, at all levels, and as appropriate, with the relevant entities of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates and bearing in mind national priorities, and invites national human rights institutions, where they exist, the private sector, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and other relevant actors, as applicable, to take the following actions:] [Merger 8. and 9. B)]

Strengthening normative, legal and policy frameworks

sub1. [Consider ratifying or acceding to, as a particular matter of priority, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child and their respective Optional Protocols, limit the extent of any reservations, formulate any such reservations as precisely and as narrowly as possible to ensure that no reservations are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Conventions, review their reservations regularly with a view to withdrawing them and withdraw reservations that are contrary to the object and purpose of the relevant treaty, and implement them fully by, inter alia, putting in place effective national legislation and policies;] [a.a.]

sub2. Accelerate the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action [and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the declarations adopted by the Commission on the occasion of the tenth, fifteenth and twentieth anniversaries of the Fourth World Conference on Women,] the International Conference on the Population and Development and its Program of Action and the outcomes of their review conferences as a foundation for sustainable development and other agreements that promote women's empowerment, and compliance [of States Parties'] with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [and the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto] as well as other [relevant] [human rights] conventions and treaties; [a.]

sub3. [Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in a comprehensive manner, reflecting its universal, integrated and indivisible nature, including by ensuring coherence between national policies and strategies for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and those for sustainable development and by developing cohesive

sustainable development strategies to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls [and their human rights], [while respecting each country’s policy space], and by mainstreaming a gender perspective in all policies and programs[, by all government departments at all levels]]; [Merged a.b. and merged b.3, c., d., e., 5.6 reflected]

sub4. [Ensure that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and their human rights, including their right to development, right to health, right to work, right to education, and land rights, are central in strategies, tools and instruments for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development;] [a.2.]

sub5. Remove [, where they exist,] discriminatory provisions in legal frameworks, including punitive provisions; and set up legal, policy, administrative and other comprehensive measures, including temporary special measures [as appropriate,] to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, to protect and fulfill the human rights of [all] women and girls, including [to address multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, inequalities and stereotypes,] and to ensure their equal and effective access to justice and accountability, and that the impact of these laws and policies is monitored for effectiveness; [b.alt., b and b.2. merged]

[b.3. merged with a.b. and c., d., e.] [b.4. moved to after w.] [b.5. moved to health*] [c., d., e. merged into one with a.b. and b.3.] [d.2. merged with e.10.] [d.3. merged with 8.2., 8.3., 8.4.] [d.4. moved to health*]

Access to and control over assets

sub6. Undertake legislation and administrative reforms to give women equal rights with men to economic resources, including access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, natural resources, science and technology, information and markets; [e.3., e.4., h.2., k.4., m.2., r.5., New r.]

*Economic empowerment and decent work**

sub7. Promote women’s economic rights and independence, women’s right to work and rights at work through gender-responsive policies and programmes that promote women’s economic empowerment, including decent work for all; promote equal pay for equal work or work of equal value; invest in and empower women in productive sectors in the economy by supporting women-led businesses, including by tailoring a range of approaches and instruments which facilitate access to finance, market and trade; [e.2., h.2., r.5., r.6.]

sub8. Undertake legislation and administrative reforms to recognize, reduce and redistribute unpaid care work by prioritizing social protection policies, including accessible and affordable social services, and care services for children, persons with disabilities, older persons and persons living with HIV and AIDS, and all others in need of care, and promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men; [i.2. and k.3.]

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sub9. [Encourage the private sector to contribute to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through striving to ensure women’s full and productive employment and decent work, equal pay for work of equal value and equal opportunities, as well as protecting them against discrimination and abuse in the workplace;] [q. alt.]

sub10. Take measures to eliminate the practice of gender-based price differentiation, whereby female consumers are charged a higher price than male consumers when buying similar goods and services (also known as the ‘pink tax’); [q.2. (revised)]

*Water and sanitation**

sub11. Urges governments to provide access to adequate and equitable sanitation, in particular in public facilities and buildings, paying special attention to the specific needs of women and girls; to improve water management and wastewater treatment; [and to conduct awareness-raising campaigns to help break the taboo surrounding menstruation, which would enable women and girls to participate more actively in society]; [e.5. and 7.4.]

Climate change

sub12. Promote the integration of a gender perspective in environmental and climate change policies, strengthen mechanisms and provide adequate resources and ensure women’s full and equal participation in decision-making at all levels on environmental issues, in particular on strategies and policies related to the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events and slow onset impacts, including drought, deforestation, desertification, ocean acidification, sea level rise, and loss of biodiversity on the lives of women and girls, to decrease women’s vulnerability to environmental factors and the impacts of climate change; [e.6./first part, e.7.,e.8. and e.9. merged]

[e.7. merged with e.6.] [e.8. merged with e.6.] [e.9. merged with e.6.]

*Humanitarian**

sub13. Ensure that the rights and specific needs of women and girls affected by natural disasters, armed conflicts and humanitarian emergencies are addressed in national and international plans, strategies and responses, including disaster risk reduction policies; ensure the participation of women at all levels of decision-making in emergency, recovery, reconstruction, conflict resolution and peace-building processes; provide education for all, especially girls, to contribute to a smooth transition from relief to development and address sexual and gender-based violence as an integral and prioritized part of every humanitarian response; and in this respect, [encourages/ensure] the outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit to [fully] integrate a gender perspective; [d.2., e.6., e10., e.16. merged]

[e.10. merged with d.2. placed after e.6.]

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*Health**

sub14. [Commit to the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the outcomes of their review conferences and to sexual and reproductive health and rights, in this context; and commit to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of the right of every individual to have full control over, and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality and sexual and reproductive health, free from discrimination, coercion and violence; stress the need for universal access to quality and affordable comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information, education, including comprehensive sexuality education, and health-care services;] [b.5.]

sub15. [Ensure the promotion and protection of the human rights of all women and their sexual and reproductive health, and reproductive rights in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences, including through the development and enforcement of policies and legal frameworks and the strengthening of health systems that make universally accessible and available quality comprehensive sexual and reproductive health-care services;] [d.4.]

sub16. [Ensure policies, legislation and services prioritize the [rights of women and girls/ human rights], especially those most left behind, to enjoy equal access to quality education, to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights and comprehensive sexuality education, to economic resources and to political participation, decision-making and leadership at all levels;] [e.11., e.12]

sub17. [Promote policies, legislation, and services that prioritize the rights of women and girls, especially for those who have been left behind, to enjoy equal access to quality education, and to health-care services, including by supporting sexual and reproductive health and rights and comprehensive sexuality education, at all levels;] [e.13]

Education

sub18. Promote and protect women's and girls' right to education throughout their life cycle at all levels, especially for those most left behind, by providing universal access to basic education, ensuring inclusive, equitable and non-discriminatory quality education, and promoting learning opportunities for all, ensuring completion of primary education and eliminating gender disparities in access to all areas of secondary and tertiary education, promoting financial literacy, ensuring that women and girls have equal access to career development, training, scholarships and fellowships, and by adopting positive action to build women's and girls' leadership skills and influence; [e.14., r.8. and r.9., with elements from e.11., e.12., e.13., n.2.]

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sub19. Support school-to-work transition through skills development to enable women’s and girls’ active participation in economic, social and cultural development, governance and decision-making, and create conditions that facilitate their full participation and integration in the formal economy; [e.15.]

[e. 16. merged with d.2. (placed after e.6.)]

Violence*

[e.17. merged with e.17.1.]

sub20. Adopt, review and ensure the accelerated and effective implementation of laws that criminalize violence against women and girls and comprehensive, multidisciplinary and gender-sensitive preventive and protective measures, such as protection orders, appropriate punishment of perpetrators to end impunity, support services that empower survivors, and access to appropriate civil remedies and redress, to eliminate and prevent all forms of violence and harmful practices against all women and girls, including indigenous women and girls, in public and private spaces, and address and eliminate as a priority domestic violence; [e.17.1., e.17., e.18. and t.2. merged]

[e.18. merged with e.17.1.]

Social attitudes*

sub21. Design and implement national policies that aim to transform discriminatory social attitudes and harmful gender and cultural stereotypes and promote those which support gender equality; [e.19.]

Men and boys*

sub22. Fully engage men and boys for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls by ensuring that policies and programmes address the role of men and boys and aim to ensure equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, as well as transforming social norms and stereotypes that condone discrimination and violence against women and girls, so as to foster changes in attitudes and behaviour in order to achieve gender equality for the benefit of both women and men; [e.24., e.24.1. and e.19. merged]

[e.24.1. merged with e.24.]

Indigenous women*

[e.20. Merged with e.22.] [e.21. Merged with e.22.]

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sub23. Recognize the distinct and critical role and contribution of rural and indigenous women to food security, poverty eradication and sustainable development and commit to supporting the empowerment of indigenous women and to formulating and implementing, in collaboration with indigenous peoples, in particular indigenous women and their organizations, policies and programmes designed to promote capacity-building and strengthen their leadership, and supporting measures that will ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous women in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; [e.20. with e.22., e.21. and t.3. merged]

*Disability**

sub24. Take all appropriate measures to adopt and implement disability-inclusive national development strategies and legislative, administrative, social, educational and other measures to protect and promote the rights of women and girls with disabilities, as persons with disabilities are more vulnerable to discrimination and violence; [e.23.]

*Family**

sub25. [Take into account the role of the family as a contributor to sustainable development, and the need to strengthen family policy development to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including on gender equality and empowerment of women;] [e.25.]

[Enhancing national institutional arrangements]

sub26. [Ensure/take steps to/provide] that [relevant] national planning, decision-making, policy action, budgeting processes and institutional structures for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development contribute to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, including by enhancing coherence and coordination between national gender equality mechanisms, relevant government agencies and other stakeholders; [h., f. and h.3.]

[f. alt) merged with h.alt]

sub27. Work for a significant increase in investments to close the gender gap and strengthen support for institutions in relation to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the global, regional and national levels; [f.2.]

sub28. [[Strengthen and enhance] [, as appropriate,] the authority and power, as well as the funding [,where possible,] and] [the] capacity of national [gender equality] mechanisms [that contribute to achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment] at all levels and in all sectors of government [to promote the exercise of their capacities and to provide guidance in mainstreaming the gender perspective in public administration, in keeping with the 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development,] and [increase/ensure] political [will and] support for and visibility of such mechanisms;] [g.]

sub29. [Establish and strengthen national institutions that will allow member states to design, implement, and assess the impact of national policies and development strategies in order to fulfil their primary responsibility for their own economic and social development to sustain the best environment for the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women and girls;] [g.alt.]

[h. merged into f.] [h alt. merged with f alt.] [h.2. merged into e.2.] [h.3. merged into f.] [h.4.: moved after new 14.]

Fostering enabling environments for financing gender equality and the empowerment [of women and girls]

sub30. [[Ensure] that all economic, social [and environmental] policies contribute to the achievement of gender equality the empowerment of women and girls and [their human rights] by eradicating poverty, promoting full and productive employment and decent work, ensuring equal pay for work of equal value, the right to organize in the workplace and access to productive resources such as land and credit. Mobilize [national and international] resources to finance universal social protection, infrastructure and essential services, including quality education and health, including reproductive health care services, to reduce inequalities [based on [gender], [sex], age, income, race, ethnicity, religion, migration status, geographical location, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity, HIV/AIDS or health status, and disability, among others;] [i.]

[i.2. merged with k.3. placed after e.2.]

sub31. [Strengthen the adequate mobilization of resources at the national and international levels as well as new and additional resources for developing countries from all available funding mechanisms, including multilateral, bilateral and private sources for the advancement of women; financial resources to strengthen the capacity of national, subregional, regional and international institutions; a commitment to equal rights, equal responsibilities and equal opportunities and to the equal participation of women and men in all national, regional and international bodies and policy-making processes; and the establishment or strengthening of mechanisms at all levels for accountability to the world's women;] [i.3.]

sub32. [Significantly increase/consider increasing] [and maximize/optimize the use of] [ensure adequate/provide] [targeted] financing for gender equality and empowerment of [all] women and girls across all sectors [where spending remains inadequate] through [all] [appropriate] sources of funding [according to national laws and legislations], [including] [as appropriate and taking into account the diversity of needs and circumstances of women and girls, in particular] domestic resources, [international cooperation,] [international public finance,

including] [official development assistance/**international development cooperation**], the private sector and philanthropy; [j.]

[j.2. merged with j.3.]

sub33. Accelerate gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda by urging developed countries, in accordance with their commitments, to make concrete efforts towards meeting the target of 0.7 per cent of their gross national income for official development assistance to developing countries and of 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of their gross national income for official development assistance to least developed countries, and encourage developing countries to build on the progress achieved in ensuring that official development assistance is used effectively to help meet development goals and targets and help them, inter alia, to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women; [j.3., j.2., and o.3. merged]

sub34. [Advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through enhancing South-South cooperation and sharing knowledge and experiences across countries on poverty reduction, social protection and technical capacity development, among others;] [j.4.]

[k alt. and k. merged]

sub35. [Mobilize additional domestic public resources, supplemented by international assistance as appropriate which will be critical to realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and achieving the sustainable development goals by enhancing revenue administration through modernized, progressive tax systems, improved tax policy and more efficient tax collection, as well as work to improve the fairness, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of tax systems, including by broadening the tax base and continuing efforts to integrate the informal sector into the formal economy in line with country circumstances and by ensuring that all companies, including multinationals, pay taxes to the Governments of countries where economic activity occurs and value is created, in accordance with national and international laws and policies;] [k alt. and k.]

sub36. [Actively engage in the creation of an enabling external environment to complement national efforts for financing gender equality and the empowerment of women including through supporting transfer of technology, in particular ICT, to developing countries on favorable terms, fulfilling ODA commitments and promoting a conducive world trade, financial and monetary system;] [k.2.]

[k.3. merged in e.2., k.4. merged in e.3.]

sub37. [Strengthen and enhance cohesive nationally owned sustainable development strategies and ensure gender mainstreaming through targeted investments in the formulation and implementation of all financial, economic, environmental and social policies, supported by integrated national financing frameworks, and an enabling international economic environment;] [f alt. and h alt. merged]

sub38. [Support and institutionalize a gender-responsive approach to public financial management, including gender-responsive budgeting across all sectors of public expenditure, to address gaps in resourcing for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and ensure all national and sectoral plans and policies for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are fully costed and adequately resourced to ensure their effective implementation;] [l alt. and l. merged]

sub39. [Monitor [**by national and competent authorities,**] public expenditures, [**as practicable,**] [whether mobilized through domestic or international sources, [and track and report on resource allocations] [**and utilizations**] for gender equality and **the** empowerment [**of**] [**all**] [women and girls] [, **inter alia,**] to strengthen accountability for [gender equality] [**related**] commitments] [**to track, report, and strengthen accountability on resource allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment;**];] [m.]

[m.2 merged in e.3]

sub40. [Support and increase resources for [women’s] **girls’ and youth-led** organizations [and gender equality advocates]] [**civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women’s organizations,**] [**and women human rights defenders**] at the local, national, regional and global levels [**to advance and promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**] [,as appropriate];] [n.]

[n.2 in e.14]

sub41. [Strengthen international cooperation [and regulatory frameworks with a view to eliminating illicit financial flows and tax avoidance] [**in order to effectively contribute to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;**];] [o.]

sub42. [Engage relevant international, regional, and national processes, to follow up on the report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from Africa, as well as relevant General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions regarding the negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights and the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women;] [o.2.]

[o.3. merged with j.3.]

sub43. [Promote] [**enable**] a socially responsible and accountable private sector [that meets] [**acts in line with**] gender equality and human rights [**and labour, environmental and health**] standards, [**for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and the realization of their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms,**] including [, **among others,**] the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the [labor standards] [**fundamental principles and rights at work**] of the ILO and Women’s Empowerment Principles] [**and other ongoing initiatives in this regard**];] [p.]

sub44. Harmonize all initiatives on sustainable business and financing, identifying gaps, including in relation to gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, and strengthening the mechanisms and incentives for compliance; [p alt.]

sub45. Assess **[and enhance where appropriate,]** the effectiveness of public-private partnerships in delivering public services and social protection essential for gender equality and the empowerment of **all women and girls** [, and take action to prevent [discriminatory impacts on] **[discrimination against]** women and girls; [q.]

Strengthening women’s [full and effective] [participation and equal opportunities for] leadership [at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life] and supporting [women’s and girls’] civil society organizations

[New r. - merged with e.3.]

sub46. [Strengthen] **[take measures to ensure]** women’s **[and girl’s] [full and effective participation and equal opportunities for]** leadership and [women’s] full [and] equal **[and effective]** participation in decision-making **[at all levels] [and] [in public, economic and political life at all levels and]** in all areas of sustainable development **[by providing equal opportunities] [including participation in peace processes and implementation of peace agreements in line with Beijing+20 outcomes and UN Security Council Resolution 1325];** [r.]

sub47. Set concrete goals, targets and benchmarks to achieve the full and equal participation of women and men in leadership and decision-making at all levels through proactive measures such as temporary special measures, as appropriate, and policies to remove all barriers that directly and indirectly hinder the participation of women and girls in decision-making roles in all sectors and at all levels, such as lack of access to quality and inclusive education, violence, poverty, family responsibilities, and gender stereotypes; [r1., r alt., r., r2., r3., r4. and r.7. merged]

sub48. [Ensure the economic empowerment, education and training of women to enable them to participate in power and decision-making in all spheres of life;] [s.4.]

[r.5. merged with e.3.] [r.6. merged with e.2.] [r.7. merged with r.alt-r.4.] [r.8. and r.9. merged with e.14.]

sub49. Recognize that shared work and parental responsibilities between women and men promote women's increased participation in public life, and take appropriate measures to achieve this, including measures to reconcile family and professional life; [r.10.]

[s., s2., s3., t., merged (includes proposal to merge 9s. and t.)]

sub50. [Create a safe and enabling environment for **civil society actors engaged in the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, including women’s and girls’ rights advocates, feminist groups, non-governmental organizations,**

community-based organizations, trade unions, and those committed to eliminating violence against women and girls, including women human rights defenders who face particular risks of violence, at the local, national, regional and global levels so that they can fully participate in the implementation and follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;] [s., s.2., s.3., t.]

[t. merged with s.] [t.2. merged with e.17.1.] [t.3. merged with e.22.]

sub51. [Adequately fund, resource and support women’s and other civil society organizations and gender equality advocates at the grassroots, local, national, regional and global levels and provide women human rights defenders the funding to respond to urgent crises and opportunities;] [t.4.]

Strengthening gender-responsive data collection, follow-up and review [, monitoring and accountability] processes

sub52. Support gender-responsive [monitoring] **[follow-up and review]** of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by strengthening] **[enhance the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support to improve]** the **[statistical]** [capacity] **[capability]** of national statistical offices to systematically design, collect and analyse **[gender]** statistics and data disaggregated by sex, age, **[income, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability, geographical location, HIV/AIDS status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity]** and other relevant variables at the national level **[necessary for monitoring inequalities and discrimination in order to understand and respond to the specific needs of women, young women and girls and to ensure no one is left behind]** **[by making full use of available sources and existing disaggregated data at international, regional and national levels];** [u.]

sub53. [Collect regularly and disseminate **data and** statistics on the minimum set of gender indicators and the core set of violence against women indicators [endorsed] **[adopted]** by the Statistical Commission in 2013 **[and encourage the UN Statistical Commission to continue to supporting the implementation of a robust, transformative, inclusive, transparent and ambitious gender-responsive indicators framework for monitoring the accountability of the 2030 Agenda];** [v.]

sub54. Enhance technical and financial collaboration between countries, with the support of United Nations entities and the participation of civil society organizations, with the aim of collecting new data and statistics to monitor all the targets of Agenda 2030; [y.2.]

[w. and w alt. merged]

sub55. Continue to develop and enhance standards and methodologies, [for use at the] [local] national and international levels, to improve data, including to monitor progress for women and girls in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, **[inter alia, on women’s poverty, income distribution within households, unpaid care work, women’s**

access to, control and ownership of assets and productive resources, and women's participation at all levels of decision-making]; [including by investing in the collection of new data, new methodologies, and partnering with women's, feminist and other civil society organizations and academic institutions to adequately track the progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development]; [w., w alt.]

sub56. Develop and strengthen national monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess policies and programmes to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; [b.4.]

sub57. [[Ensure/encourage] that national reviews and [monitoring] frameworks, including the adaptation of indicators to the national context, [build on the [agreed] global indicator framework] and support monitoring [follow-up, and review] of all goals and targets across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in [a] [an open, transparent, and] gender-responsive manner]; [x.]

[x. 2) Merged with 10.2] [y. alt and the concept of y merged]

sub58. [Ensure that all processes contributing to the high-level political forum systematically integrate a gender perspective;] [y.alt and y.]

[y.2. moved after v.]

OP4. The Commission calls on the United Nations system to support [in accordance with their respective mandates] Member States [upon their request] in their gender-responsive implementation of the [entire] 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [by offering integrated and coherent policy advice [at all levels], and facilitating collection of disaggregated data and gender statistics; and to support the participation of other stakeholders, including women and girls and their organizations, in implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda]. [10.]

[10.2. and x.2. merged]

OP5. The Commission stresses that it is critical that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls be included throughout national, regional and global reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to ensure coherence between the follow-up of the Beijing Platform for Action and the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while maintaining that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women is grounded in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. [10.2. and x.2.]

OP6. [The Commission encourages all contributions to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to address and integrate reporting on gender equality outcomes across the Sustainable Development Goals.] [new 13.]

OP7. [The Commission calls on UN-Women to continue to work **[within its mandate]** towards achieving **[the full realization of]** gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls **[and the realization of their human rights.]** The Commission **[also calls on]** **[recognizes]** UN-Women**[‘s]** **[to continue to play a]** central role in supporting Member States, in coordinating the United Nations system and in mobilizing civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders, **[at all levels]** in support of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action **[and its contribution to the implementation of]** **[and]** **[in the context of]** the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.] [11.]

OP8. The Commission **[reaffirms its commitment to promoting the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as]** **[confirms/affirms]** that it will contribute **[within its existing mandate]** to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development **[by examining progress, gaps, challenges and emerging issues for women and girls, and taking an intersectional approach to its work]** **[engage with the High-Level Political Forum]** so as to **[accelerate the realization of gender equality, the empowerment of [all] women and girls, [and their human rights],** and will exercise its catalytic role for gender mainstreaming so as to ensure that **[follow-up and]** review processes benefit **[all]** women and girls and] **[lead to]** **[to strive for]** the full realization of gender equality **[human rights]** and the empowerment of **[all]** women **[and girls]** by 2030. [12.]

OP9. **[The Commission further enhances, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/163, the participation of national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles, to allow for their contribution to the work of the Commission, its mechanisms and processes and requests the Secretariat to propose policies and procedures to affect their enhanced participation for consideration at the 61st session of the Commission.]** [h.4.]

OP10. **[The Commission confirms that its contribution to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda through the High Level Political Forum will be informed by engagement with the Economic and Social Council as the process to receive inputs from functional commissions are established, and commits to review its contribution to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls to ensure it supports follow-up and review.]** [new 14.]