

## Resolution

**2009/15**

### **Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, annex II of which contains the recommendation that the functional commissions responsible for follow-up to the major United Nations conferences adopt a multi-year thematic programme in their working methods,

*Recalling also* its request, in its resolution 2008/29 of 24 July 2004, that the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with their mandates, as appropriate, contribute to the annual ministerial review and to the Development Cooperation Forum, in the context of their respective annual workplans, taking into account their specificities,

*Recalling further* that the Council adopted multi-year programmes of work for a focused and thematic approach for the Commission on the Status of Women 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 and 2006/9 of 25 July 2006,

*Recalling* that the Council decided, in its resolution 2006/9, that the Commission, at its fifty-third session, should review the functioning of its revised methods of work, in the light of the outcome of the discussions on the strengthening of the Council, in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Commission,

*Recalling also* that in the same resolution the Council decided that, at its fifty-third session, the Commission would also discuss the possibility of conducting in 2010 a review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action<sup>1</sup> and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,<sup>2</sup>

*Reaffirming* the primary responsibility of the Commission for the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

*Recognizing* that the organization of work of the Commission should contribute to advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

*Recognizing also* that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the fulfilment of the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>3</sup> are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women,

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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, annexes I and II.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

*Reaffirming* that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and underlining the catalytic role of the Commission in promoting gender mainstreaming,

*Recognizing* the importance of non-governmental organizations in advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and, in this respect, the work of the Commission,

*Noting with appreciation* the continuation of the annual parliamentary meetings organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as well as the programme of side events held during the sessions of the Commission,

**A. Methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women**

1. *Decides* that, following the review of the functioning of the revised methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women, from its fifty-fourth session onwards, the Commission should maintain its current working methods, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/9, and should continue to keep its working methods under review;

**B. Themes for the period 2010-2014**

2. *Decides* that:

(a) In 2010, at its fifty-fourth session, the Commission will review the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and its contribution to shaping a gender perspective towards the full realization of the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) In 2011, at its fifty-fifth session, the priority theme will be “Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work” and progress will be evaluated in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-first session on “The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child”;

(c) In 2012, at its fifty-sixth session, the priority theme will be “The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges” and progress will be evaluated in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-second session on “Financing gender equality and the empowerment of women”;

(d) In 2013, at its fifty-seventh session, the priority theme will be “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls” and progress will be evaluated in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-third session on “The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”;

(e) In 2014, at its fifty-eighth session, the priority theme will be “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls” and progress will be evaluated in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-fifth session on “Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science

and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work";

3. *Also decides* that, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2013, the Commission will discuss the possibility of conducting in 2015, a review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and decide on priority themes for future sessions.

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