



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Deputy Secretary-General,

I would like to thank you for your excellent presentation to Member States at the informal consultations on the recommendations of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence on gender equality and empowerment of women on 21st June.

Member States reacted positively to your assessment of the weaknesses of the current system and the need to improve system-wide coherence and capacity of the United Nations gender equality architecture. In response to these challenges, and without prejudging the intergovernmental process, you set out some initial thoughts on how to achieve this.

In this regard, a number of Member States expressed the need for greater clarity and additional information on the Secretariat's proposal for a strengthened gender equality architecture. I would be most grateful if you could provide a concept note addressing these concerns, as well as, other concerns raised by all Member States during the consultations.

Sincerely yours,


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Cc: All Permanent Representatives and
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