



## Excellency,

I have the honour to forward to you the paper entitled "Further Details on Institutional Options for Strengthening the Institutional Arrangements for Support of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women" prepared by the Secretary-General in response to the General Assembly resolution on System-wide Coherence (A/RES/62/277).

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Deputy Secretary-General for conducting consultations for the preparation of the present paper. I also look forward to receiving the papers on the issues of Funding and Governance as soon as they are ready.

I would also encourage all Member States to actively participate in the forthcoming consultations, lead by the Co-chairs, H. E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende, Permanent Representative of Namibia, and H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Yañez-Barnuevo, Permanent Representative of Spain, during the sixty-third session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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