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Strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011: Subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women

Note by the Secretary-General

Summary

The Commission has before it for consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the biennial programme plan of the draft strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011 for subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs. The Commission is invited to review the proposed strategic framework and provide its comments. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.

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Subprogramme 2

Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen achievement of gender equality and the advancement of women, including women's full enjoyment of their human rights

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Advancements in gender equality and the elimination of gender discrimination through support to and the promotion of the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the 2005 World Summit and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	(a) (i) Increased number of policies and actions taken at the national and regional levels to implement the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the 2005 World Summit Outcome (ii) Increased number of representatives of non-governmental organizations that participate in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women
(b) Enhanced capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women to fulfil its mandates, including the promotion of gender mainstreaming in all political, economic and social spheres	(b) (i) Increased number of Member States reporting to the Commission on the Status of Women on actions taken to implement gender mainstreaming at the national level (ii) Increased proportion of resolutions and decisions of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council that incorporate a gender perspective
(c) Increased capacity of the United Nations system entities to mainstream gender perspectives and to undertake targeted measures to empower women in policies and programmes of the United Nations system	(c) (i) Increased number of actions taken by United Nations entities, individually and/or collaboratively, to incorporate gender perspectives in their policies, programmes and projects (ii) Improved gender balance through effective implementation of gender-sensitive human resources policy measures by the United Nations system entities
(d) Increased capacity of Member States, regional and subregional organizations and the United Nations system to implement Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security	(d) (i) Increased number of national action plans and strategies prepared by Member States and regional and subregional organizations implementing resolution Security Council 1325 (2000) (ii) Increased number of United Nations entity-specific policies and action plans on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)

Strategy

The Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women are responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting commitments and actions of Member States and intergovernmental bodies for the full and effective implementation of mandates relating to gender equality, and the mainstreaming of gender perspectives, especially those emanating from the 2005 World Summit, the Millennium Declaration, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and other resolutions and decisions, such as Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), as well as obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(b) Promoting understanding of emerging issues on gender equality and the advancement of women, through research, analysis and provision of evidence-based policy options, monitoring of implementation and enhanced dissemination of intergovernmental recommendations and outcomes;

(c) Enhancing effective functioning of intergovernmental bodies, including of the Commission on the Status of Women, through relevant research and analysis, innovative proposals for strengthening methods of work and facilitating the involvement of civil society in intergovernmental processes;

(d) Providing technical advisory services, upon request, at the regional and national levels, aimed at capacity-building in relation to implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol;

(e) Promoting the use of the gender mainstreaming strategy in all policies and programmes and intergovernmental processes, and facilitating inter-agency collaboration, and monitoring the development of policies, methodologies and tools;

(f) Promoting the improvement of the status of women within the United Nations system, including by promoting and monitoring the achievement of gender balance and a gender-sensitive work environment within the United Nations system.