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Meeting of ECOSOC with Chairs of the FCs and Expert Bodies

31 January 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ECOSOC Chamber

1. Contributions by Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies to the 2020 theme of ECOSOC and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

- At its upcoming sixty-fourth session from 9-20 March, CSW will conduct a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its contribution to the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Member States have reached an understanding that the outcome will be a Political Declaration. This will be a direct contribution to the 2020 theme of ECOSOC and the HLPF.
- Without preempting the negotiations, we hope that the Political Declaration will send a strong message of political commitment and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action, and of the centrality of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.
- This is especially critical now as Member States embark on a decade of action and delivery of sustainable development, in a way that leaves no one behind.

2. Responding to GA resolution 72/305 on Review of the implementation of GA resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of ECOSOC

- Over the past few years, CSW and a number of Commissions (CND, CCPCJ, CSTD, UNFF, PFII, Statistics Commission) have worked collaboratively, including by organizing joint events and participating in each other's annual sessions, either in person or via video conference.
- I am pleased to announce that this collaboration will continue during the upcoming sixty-fourth session, where a number of functional commissions will be invited to participate in the interactive dialogue on **UN@75: CSW's contribution to "The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism"**. This will also be an opportunity to identify some key challenges and ways to address them to strengthen multilateralism in the service of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.
- We count on the Council's continued support to ensure that achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls remain central to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation efforts.

3. Themes for ECOSOC and HLPF

- CSW will determine its themes for 2021 and beyond during the sixty-fourth session. The Secretary-General has proposed themes that respond to current contexts, trends and developments that will enable the Commission to add impetus to the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.
- Ideally, the Commission's future priority themes will strengthen synergies between the implementation of the Platform for Action and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- We hope that CSW will inspire ECOSOC and HLPF when the time comes for determining future themes.