

Resolution

2010/29

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2010 of the Economic and Social Council on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women,¹

Reaffirming its agreed conclusions 1997/2 of 18 July 1997 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,² and recalling its resolutions 2001/41 of 26 July 2001, 2002/23 of 24 July 2002, 2003/49 of 24 July 2003, 2004/4 of 7 July 2004, 2005/31 of 26 July 2005, 2006/36 of 27 July 2006, 2007/33 of 27 July 2007, 2008/34 of 25 July 2008 and 2009/12 of 28 July 2009,

Reaffirming also the commitment made at the 2005 World Summit to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres and to further undertake to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender,³

Welcoming the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to be known as UN Women, through the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010 on system-wide coherence,

Underlining, in this regard, that the establishment of the Entity and the conduct of its work will lead to more effective coordination, coherence and gender mainstreaming across the United Nations system, and emphasizing that support of gender mainstreaming across the United Nations system will be an integral part of the work of the Entity,

Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming is a globally accepted strategy for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and constitutes a critical strategy in the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the

¹ E/2010/L.8.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1)*, chap. IV, para. 4.

³ See General Assembly resolution 60/1, para. 59.

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action⁴ and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁵ and reaffirming also the commitment to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres, as well as the commitment to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender equality,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General⁶ and the recommendations contained therein,⁷ and calls for further and continued efforts to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations in accordance with all relevant Council resolutions;

2. *Looks forward* to UN Women becoming fully operational, welcomes the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 64/289 that the Entity will assume the additional role of leading, coordinating and promoting the accountability of the United Nations system in its work on gender equality and women's empowerment in accordance with its mandate, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure a smooth transition;

3. *Requests* the United Nations system, including its agencies, funds and programmes, within their respective mandates, to continue mainstreaming the issue of gender in accordance with previous Council resolutions, in particular resolution 2008/34, and General Assembly resolution 64/289, including mainstreaming a gender perspective into all operational mechanisms, inter alia, the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and other development frameworks, ensuring that managers provide leadership and support, within the United Nations system, to advance gender mainstreaming, strengthening monitoring, reporting and evaluation so as to allow system-wide assessment of progress in gender-mainstreaming, and using existing training resources, including institutions and infrastructure, to assist in the development and application of unified training modules and tools on gender mainstreaming and to promote the collection, analysis and use of data disaggregated by sex and age during programme development and evaluation of gender mainstreaming in order to assess progress towards achieving gender equality and empowerment of women;

4. *Also requests* the United Nations system to continue to support Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of national policies for the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women;

⁴ *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.

⁵ General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

⁶ E/2010/57.

⁷ *Ibid.*, sect. VI.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2011 a detailed report on the efforts and progress made by United Nations entities, and on gaps and challenges that they still face in mainstreaming a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes and in capacity development, and include in the report a section on how UN Women will carry out its work, including by strengthening coordination, identifying areas for improvement and elevating the level of attention given to this cross-cutting issue.

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