

1997/17. Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on the critical areas of concern identified in the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995 and 51/69 of 12 December 1996 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration⁶³ and the Platform for Action⁶ of the Conference,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/6 of 22 July 1996 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, by which a multi-year programme of work for the Commission on the Status of Women was adopted as a framework for assessing the progress achieved in the implementation of the Platform for Action,

Noting that the Commission at its forty-first session reviewed progress achieved in the implementation of the Platform for Action in the critical areas of concern: women and the environment, women in power and decision-making, women and the economy and the education and training of women, and proposed ways and means to accelerate implementation in those four areas,⁶⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on thematic issues before the Commission on the Status of Women⁶⁵ and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Calls upon* Governments, United Nations agencies and bodies and other international organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society to cooperate in implementing the strategies adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women and other recent international conferences;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, the United Nations system and other international organizations to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes, while maintaining institutional arrangements to carry out research and develop methodologies and tools for mainstreaming, and to advocate gender equality and the enjoyment by women of their human rights;

4. *Endorses* the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on women and the environment, women in power and decision-making, women and the economy and the education and training of women.⁶⁶

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⁶³ *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, annex I.

⁶⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 7 (E/1997/27)*, chap. II.

⁶⁵ E/CN.6/1997/3.

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 7 (E/1997/27)*, chap. I, sect. C.1.