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**Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women  
and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled  
“Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for  
the twenty-first century”**

**Proposed programme of work of the  
Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women  
and the Division for the Advancement of Women  
for the biennium 2006 – 2007**

**Note by the Secretariat**

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1. Subprogramme 2, Gender issues and Advancement of Women, of Programme 7, Economic and Social Affairs, of the Biennial Programme Plan for the period 2006-2007 falls under the responsibility of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
2. The Biennial Programme Plan of this subprogramme for the period 2006-2007 containing the strategy, objective, expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 59/275 of 23 December 2004 and forms the basis for the preparation of the programme of work of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. The Plan as adopted by the General Assembly contains recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) taken subsequent to submission of the Plan to the Commission at its forty-eighth session in document "Proposals for the Secretary-General's strategic framework for the biennium 2006/2007" (E/CN.6/2004/CRP.5).
3. The draft programme of work in the field of gender issues and advancement of women for the biennium 2006-2007, which is contained in the annex, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission on the Status of Women in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. In section I, paragraph 7, of its resolution 52/220, the General Assembly stressed the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget, as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget.
4. The draft programme of work of this subprogramme attached hereto has been formulated taking into account global mandates contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", and the Millennium Declaration. The work programme under this subprogramme also includes outputs related to the servicing of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.
5. The subprogramme will continue to provide effective coordinated support, through policy analysis, the monitoring of trends and emerging issues, and advisory services in implementing further actions and initiatives identified within its mandates.
6. The draft programme of work before the Commission for its information will be incorporated in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

## Annex

### **Draft programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

Further to the biennial programme plan adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 59/275, the following programme of work would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

#### **Outputs**

During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies
  - (i) General Assembly:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Review and appraisal of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (20); substantive servicing, including plenary meetings of the Second and Third Committee (12).
    - b. Parliamentary documentation. Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2); improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (1); measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to and implementation of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2); report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2); report on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1); trafficking in women and girls (1); elimination of all forms of violence, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (1); violence against women migrant workers (1); women in development (1); improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (1).
  - (ii) Economic and Social Council:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Substantive servicing of plenary meetings (8);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation. Measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to and implementation of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2); report on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2).

(iii) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women:

- a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Substantive and technical servicing of Committee plenary and working group meetings (120); substantive and technical servicing of pre-session working group meetings (40); substantive and technical servicing of working group on petitions (40).
- b. Parliamentary documentation. Annotated agenda and organization of work of the Committee (4); decisions of the Committee under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (12); identification of trends in implementing specific articles of the Convention to be decided on or specific recommendations made by the Committee to assist it in its consideration of reports of States parties (4); responses of States parties to questions on periodic reports (32); report of the pre-session working group (4); report of the pre-session working group including addendums with list of issues and questions with regard to consideration of periodic reports of States parties (32); report as requested on the work of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its work under the Optional Protocol (8); reports from United Nations specialized agencies and entities (16); reports of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (50); status of submission of reports to the Committee (4); ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (4).

(iv) Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

- a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Substantive and technical servicing of the meeting of States Parties (1).
- b. Parliamentary documentation. List of candidates for the election of 12 members to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1); preparatory reports for the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1); report of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1); report on declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal of reservations related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1).

(v) Commission on the Status of Women:

- a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Open-ended consultations by the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women (8); substantive servicing of meetings of the Commission (40).

- b. Parliamentary documentation. Conference room and background papers (4); conference room papers on results of the sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2); confidential list of communications concerning the status of women (2); improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (2); joint work plan of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2); measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to and implementation of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2); non-confidential list of communications concerning the status of women (2); release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts (1); situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (2); situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (2); thematic reports on issues decided by the Commission on the Status of Women in its multi-year programme of work 2002-2006 (4).
- (vi) Security Council: Parliamentary documentation. Women, peace and security (2).
  - (vii) Ad hoc expert groups: Expert group meeting on enhancing strategies to increase 50/50 gender distribution and build a more gender-sensitive work environment for women and men in the United Nations Secretariat (OSAGI) (1); symposium with regional commissions on gender mainstreaming (OSAGI) (1); expert group meetings on issues decided by the Commission on the Status of Women in its multi-year programme of work 2007-2011 (DAW) (4).
- (b) Other substantive activities (RB)
- (i) Recurrent publications:
    - a. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women: Network (8);
    - b. Division for the Advancement of Women: The Work of CEDAW volumes 15 and 16 (2); Division for the Advancement of Women: Women 2000 and beyond (4);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: Best practices in gender mainstreaming (OSAGI) (1); Gender mainstreaming manual (OSAGI) (1); Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: CEDAW General Recommendation on Article 2 (DAW) (1); Measures to address gender balance/sexual harassment(OSAGI) (1); Methodology in gender mainstreaming (OSAGI) (1); National mechanisms for the advancement of women (DAW) (1); Political participation (DAW) (1); Training package for the judiciary on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (DAW) (1).
  - (iii) Technical material: Directory of national machineries for the advancement of women (4); further development, design, maintenance and management of DAW website on an

annual basis (2); further development, design, maintenance and management of IANWGE website on an annual basis (2); further development, design, maintenance and management of OSAGI website on an annual basis (2); further development, design, maintenance and management of WomenWatch website on an annual basis (2); guidelines and checklists on gender mainstreaming (1); reports of expert group meetings on issues decided by the Commission on the Status of Women in its multi-year programme of work 2007-2011 (4); selective roster of women candidates in the United Nations Secretariat, peacekeeping and special missions – annual update (2); women in decision-making positions in Governments and in international intergovernmental organizations, bodies and negotiating entities and on women in electoral processes worldwide (1).

- (iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE) (16); report of the annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE) (2).