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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters**Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013:
subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of
women, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs****Note by the Secretary-General**

The present note by the Secretary-General contains the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 for subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs. The Commission is invited to review the plan and provide its comments thereon. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, when it will consider the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013.

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Subprogramme 2 Gender issues and advancement of women

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

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Advancements in gender equality and elimination of gender-based discrimination through support to and 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 statements by Member States and regional groups on actions taken at the national and regional levels to implement the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session and the 2005 World Summit and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (ii) Increased number of visits to and page views of the website of the Division for the Advancement of Women, reflecting an increased demand for documentation and publications on gender equality |
| (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 proportion of resolutions of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council that incorporate a gender perspective (ii) Increased number of representatives of non-governmental organizations that participate in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women |
| (c) Increased capacity of 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) Increased number of actions taken by United Nations entities to improve gender balance and incorporate gender perspectives in their policies, programmes and projects |
| (d) Increased understanding of and enhanced policy support for measures to implement all relevant resolutions and decisions on gender issues, including on women and armed conflict | (d) Increased number of United Nations entity-specific policies and action plans developed with the support of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women on the implementation of resolutions and decisions on gender issues, including on women and armed conflict |

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 United Nations 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 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 the 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, 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.

