

Europe and North America CSW Caucus Civil Society zero draft Commission on the Status of Women 66th session

To whom it may concern,

The Beijing Platform for Action calls on governments to consult with Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society in planning, implementing and monitoring policies and action-based approaches to implement the Platform for Action. As Member States embark on this cooperative process of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes, and in reviewing Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session), the Europe and North America CSW Caucus encourages the Commission on the Status of Women and member States to build on consensus and further the progress made at previous United Nations conferences and summits with the objective of achieving action based and measurable outcomes.

Taking into consideration the outcome of the process of alignment of the agendas of the (General Assembly) GA, The Secretary General (SG) and The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to further enhancing the impact of the work of the Commission, the implementation of the Platform for Action requires action based commitment from Governments and the international community with built in gender-sensitive mechanisms and robust resourcing.

We ask Member States and UN entities to take into consideration the voices of Civil Society and thus the attached Civil Society draft zero draft.

Warm wishes

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