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III. **Meeting on strengthening the capacity of national machineries through the effective use of Information and Communication Technologies**

A. **Objective of the meeting**

The objective is to consolidate the achievements made at the four sub-regional workshops.

The meeting will:

- Draw lessons on progress made in establishing the national websites and sub-regional e-networks, progress in integrating gender perspectives into national ICT policies, including through the exchange of good practices, and the status of implementation of national action plans;

- Establish a regional e-based network of national machineries from participating countries to strengthen cooperation and information sharing through regular information dissemination on women's and gender issues, including via electronic media and the internet;

- Develop inputs from national machineries to the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), including modalities for a panel discussion during the summit and a declaration on national machineries and ICT;

- Develop a strategic framework for follow-up to the project at national level, including fundraising and training plans.

- One senior representative of the national machinery per country (53);

- Five ICT policy makers: one from each previous workshop from all sub-regions;

- Four to five staff members from Division for the Advancement of Women, including one administrative staff;

- One or two facilitators;

- Representatives from the ECA (ACGD and DISD)

- One to two members of the WSIS Gender Caucus to serve as resource persons.

- One to two participants from the UN ICT Task Force

D.   Organizational and administrative matters

The meeting

The documentation of the meeting will comprise of relevant background papers, including United Nations documents.

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