

**Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fourth session**

Annex:

The Committee on Women in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its fourth session from 21 – 23 October 2009 in Beirut, Lebanon. It discussed the recommendations of an expert group meeting to review progress achieved in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the Arab region, held from 19 – 20 October 2009 in Beirut, Lebanon, and attended by Government and non-governmental experts. The Committee on Women adopted a resolution on “Follow-up to Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the Arab States After Fifteen Years: Beijing +15”.

The “Beijing + 15 Regional Review Meeting” of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was held from 2-3 November 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting focused on “New challenges and opportunities for gender equality in the ECE region: key issues and policy responses”. The meeting unanimously endorsed the Chairperson’s conclusions and agreed to forward them, together with the report of the meeting, to the Commission on the Status of Women. The Chairperson’s conclusions serve as the ECE region’s input to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) convened a High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to review the regional implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000) for the ESCAP region, from 16-18 November 2009 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The meeting adopted the Bangkok Communiqué reaffirming the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) held its Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing + 15), from 19 – 20 November 2009, in Banjul, The Gambia. It was preceded by a preparatory meeting held from 16 – 18 November 2009. The Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women adopted the Banjul Declaration on the Strategies for Accelerating the Implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action – From Commitment to Action.

The regional meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will take place at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in

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