

Proposals for the Secretary-General's strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Note by the Secretariat **

1. The Commission on the Status of Women has before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the preparation of the Secretary-General's strategic framework for the subprogramme on gender issues and advancement of women for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly

annex to the present document and to provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be first submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

Annex

Strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Part two: biennial programme plan

Programme 7: Economic and social affairs

Subprogramme 7.2: Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective

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

Strategy

The Office of the Special Adviser on Women and Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women are responsible for the subprogramme.

The strategy will include: promoting increased awareness and support for implementation of the mandates contained in the outcome documents of the major United Nations conferences, especially the Fourth World Conference on Women and the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 and other resolutions and decisions, such as Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), as well as on obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; providing technical advisory services upon request at the regional and national levels, through capacity-building, including on implementation and reporting requirements under the Convention and its Optional Protocol; providing effective servicing for intergovernmental bodies and a treaty body, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; advocating and promoting understanding of and support for emerging issues on gender equality and the advancement of women through research and analysis in order to present evidence based policy recommendations to Member States; promoting, supporting and monitoring gender mainstreaming at the national level, in intergovernmental processes and within the United Nations system, including

| <i>Expected accomplishment</i> | <i>Indicators of achievement</i> |
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| Increased action taken throughout the United Nations and the United Nations system in support of achievement of gender balance and a more gender-sensitive work environment | Number of gender-sensitive work-life policies developed and implemented within the United Nations and the United Nations system Number of United Nations departments/offices, peace operations and United Nations entities increasing representation of women in posts at the Professional category and above |

Legislative mandates*General Ast*

- 58/145 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- 58/146 Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas
- 58/147 Elimination of domestic violence against women
- 58/148 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
- 58/185 In-depth study on all forms of violence against women
- 58/206 Women in development
- 58/218 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- 58/269 Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change

Economic and Social Council resolutions

- 76 (V) Communications concerning the status of women
- 304 (XI) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (fourth session)
- 1992/19 Communications on the status of women
- 1996/6 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
- 1998/26 Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development
- 1999/257 Enabling the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to carry out its mandate
- 2001/4 Proposals for a multi-year programme of work for the Commission

2003/49 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1997/2 Mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

2002/1 Agreed conclusions on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role assigned to it in the Charter of the United Nations, as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

2002 The contribution of human resource development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development

Security Council resolutions

1325 (2000) Women, peace and security
