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**Agenda item 3 (c): Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on
Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled**

I. Organizational matters

Theme

15. The Declaration adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at the 10-year review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action during its forty-ninth session (see Economic and Social Council decision 2005/232) calls for full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. It recognized that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women were mutually

- The constraints and challenges that will be faced with respect to the preparation of national development strategies from a gender perspective and the means to address these effectively
 - The identification of key partners and allies in the preparatory process, such as line ministries and national statistical offices
 - How to ensure a key role for national mechanisms for the advancement of women, such as women's ministries, national machineries and gender equality commissions, in the preparatory process
 - How to ensure adequate consultation with and involvement of women's groups and networks and access to their experience, knowledge base and expertise in the preparatory process
 - The identification of existing data on gender equality and empowerment of women, including statistics disaggregated by sex, which should be utilized in the preparation of the national development strategies and the gaps and challenges that should be addressed in the process
 - How the national-level process can be supported by development partners.
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