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As South Africa enters its 15th year of democracy and prepares for its fourth general democratic elections, our country is taking stock of many of the accomplishments, challenges

and lessons learnt with regard to building a democratic and non-sexist society. In this regard, we are examining our policies and practices in the area of equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men in productive and reproductive life, as well as and the equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. South Africa has furthermore assessed current international debates drawing attention to the full spectrum of

