

1 Commission on the Status of Women, 55<sup>th</sup> Session, 22 Feb – 3 Mar 2011

2 Oral Statement by the Young Women's Caucus on priority theme 2011:

3 Access and participation for women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including  
4 promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

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6 *The young women's caucus at the UN CSW convenorship held in the name of the United Nations  
7 Nations to bring together the voices of girls and young women around the world. The caucus  
8 supports young NGO representatives and reports on their views and recommendations  
9 to girls and young women on various issues, including their views and recommendations.*

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11 *We, as members of the young women's caucus, call on governments and the international  
12 community to ensure equal access and participation of girls and young women in education,  
13 training, science and technology, including young women's equal access to full employment and  
14 decent work by:*

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16 *1. Creating a safe, inclusive and non-discriminatory environment for girls and young women,  
17 reliable and inclusive educational approaches that will empower young women and create equal  
18 learning opportunities;*

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20 *2. Facilitating access to technical training, mentoring programmes and job market information and  
21 technology;*

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23 *3. Promoting girls' and young women's education and training, including information and  
24 women, especially comprehensive sexuality education, as key to addressing poverty and gender  
25 inequality and promoting the social, political, cultural and economic empowerment of women;*

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27 *4. Maximizing and utilizing budget NGOs that are educational and non-profit, including  
28 programmes for girls and young women, especially in the development of education and  
29 economic policies at the local and national levels.*

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31 *5. Including a rights-based approach to education policies to address the gender and socio-  
32 economic inequality in a learning environment.*

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34 *6. Creating a safe environment for girls and young women.*

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36 *7. Demanding the participation of full and productive employment and decent work for  
37 young women and recognizing this right in other economic growth policies, occupational legislation  
38 and poverty reduction strategies at national, regional and local levels.*

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40 *8. Promoting vocational and non-formal education programmes that reach out-of-school girls in a  
41 safe and inclusive environment and include their right to comprehensive sexuality education and  
42 information on HIV,*

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44 *And reaffirming educational rights from which all girls and young women should claim the  
45 full enjoyment of all Human Rights.*

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47 *Many thanks for your attention.*