

Resolutions

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Review of Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,¹ and its decision 2003/287 to undertake, during its coordination segment in 2004, a review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the agreed conclusions,

Recalling also its resolution 2001/41, in which the Council decided to establish a regular sub-item entitled “Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system”, as well as its resolutions 2002/23 and 2003/49,

Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming constitutes a major strategy for the full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action² and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,³ as a complement to strategies for women’s empowerment,

Underlining the catalytic role played by the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as the important role played by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in promoting and monitoring gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system,

1. *Reaffirms* its agreed conclusions 1997/2¹ as a valid framework for promoting and monitoring the implementation of gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system;

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system;⁴

3. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by the United Nations in mainstreaming gender perspectives into policies and programmes since 1997, including the ongoing activities of and efforts made by the entities of the United Nations system, both individually and through inter-agency cooperation;

4. *Recognizes* that mainstreaming a gender perspective into all aspects of the work of the United Nations is an ongoing process and that further concrete steps are required, as a matter of urgency, to ensure full implementation of the agreed conclusions 1997/2;

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/52/3/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 4.

² *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

³ General Assembly resolutions S-23/2 and S-23/3.

⁴ E/2004/59.

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly encourage its committees and other intergovernmental bodies to take furt

