

Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda - Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission: social development

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Thank you, Mr/Madam Chair,

Excellencies,

On behalf of UN Women, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight *the Regional review of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*, which we are collaborating with ESCAP to carry out in the leadup to the 30th anniversary of its adoption.

We would like to encourage submissions of high-quality national reports and surveys in consultations with all stakeholders particularly civil society as part of this review process. Country national reports will contribute to the regional synthesis report, which will take stock of the situation of women and girls throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Further, we would like to encourage high level participation at the upcoming *Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review in November in Bangkok*, which will consist of four thematic roundtables focusing on advancing women's economic empowerment; women's leadership and representation; ending discrimination and violence against women; and closing the gender gaps to accelerate implementation of the SDGs. We hope these roundtable themes will generate interest and broad-based participation among delegations to contribute to the discussions.

Following the Ministerial Conference, the 69th session of the Commission of the Status of Women and the Beijing+30 Summit, taking place in New York next year, will focus on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Progress towards a world where gender inequalities no longer exist is within our reach, but will require our unwavering and continued commitment with much greater urgency.

Thank you for your attention, and thank you to ESCAP for the great collaboration to advance gender equality in Asia and the Pacific during this pivotal year.