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Committee 1: Participation in Peace Negotiation & Peacebuilding

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW),

Reaffirming its commitment to the continuing and full implementation in a mutually reinforcing manner of *S/RES/1325 (2000)*, *S/RES/1820 (2008)*, *S/RES/1888 (2009)*, *S/RES/1889 (2009)*, *S/RES/1960 (2010)*, *S/RES/2016 (2013)*, *S/RES/2122 (2013)* and *S/RES/2242 (2015)*,

Bearing in mind the *Beijing Platform for Action (1995)*, focusing on women's human rights and the empowerment of women,

Affirming the actions of United Nations Women (UN Women) in conducting a global study on the implementation of *S/RES/1325 (2000)* and in compiling the report titled *Beijing+5 Political Declaration and Outcome*,

Viewing with appreciation the partnership with the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Peacebuilding Commission and its Secretariat, the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) and UN Women, in order to ensure the focus on gender issues in the peacebuilding efforts of the UN,

Recognizing the importance of Member States to fully implement all UN resolutions, specifically CSW resolutions on women, peace and security,

Affirming that human rights are women's rights, therefore emphasizing the importance for all Member States to fully implement these rights,

Considering that women's participation in peace negotiations increases the probability of an agreement lasting at least two years by twenty percent, and the probability of an agreement lasting at least fifteen years by thirty-five percent,

Deeply regretting the lack of women's participation in key leadership positions and specifically in peacebuilding and peace negotiations, where their effectiveness has been proven,

Noting with deep concern that a lack of women's empowerment will endanger

the fulfillment and success of all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the planned timeframe,

Emphasizing the importance of strong female role models to encourage young women to take an active role in society and become leaders,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of raising public awareness regarding the advantages of women's involvement at all levels, including the local community, the workforce, policy making, the justice system, peacebuilding, peace negotiations, and peacekeeping at the discretion of Member States;

2. *Affirms* in accordance with *S/RES/1325 (2000)*, the importance for all Member States to increase the representation of women at all decision-making levels, including female representation in key positions such as government officials, representatives in peacebuilding and peace negotiation processes, judges, police officers, or peacekeepers at discretion of Member States;

3. *Calls upon* all Member States to implement laws to ensure the safety of women who participate in elections either by voting or by running for office;

4. *Urges* Member States to increase women's and children's access to education and encourages to implement access to education by law, concretely:

- a. *Stresses* the need to establish or develop educational facilities and recommends an increase in the number of female teachers to provide positive female role models;
- b. *Welcomes* the creation of a UN fund to ease the financial stress of families with children in school;
- c. *Appeals* for implementation of educational programs that empower women's economic independence and enables them to actively contribute to their local community, for example as farmers, educators, or by selling produce at the local market;
- d. *Recommends* taking into account the constraints placed on women in rural areas to implement mobile education programs that bring education to women's homes rather than requiring women to commute to a classroom;
- e. *Appeals* to open these programs to men and women alike, and to highlight gender equality in the programs;
- f. *Invites* the implementation of programs in all Member States that will enable women to become leaders by educating them in leadership skills;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States to further develop childcare programs enabling women with children to remain in the workforce;

6. *Requests* the extension of the UN Women mandate to set up regional agencies that develop and implement strategies to address the aforementioned concerns;

7. *Declares* further commitment on increasing the number of women in key positions, including the number of women involved in peacebuilding, peace negotiations, and peacekeeping, at the discretion of each Member State.