

Chairperson Commission on the Status of Women

30 March 2020

Excellency,

In reference to your letter dated 5 February 2020, I have the honour to enclose herewith the input of the Bureau of the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to the 2020 session of the HLPF and the Economic and Social Council under the theme "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

As you are aware, CSW 64 had to be shortened and scaled down due to the global COVID-19 situation. The Commission held a meeting on 9 March, during which a Political Declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women was adopted. The closing meeting of the 64th session of the Commission, as well as the 1st meeting of the 65th session, both of which were scheduled to take place on 13 March, had to be re-scheduled to a future date, to be determined in due course.

The enclosed input is based on the Political Declaration which addresses current challenges and gaps that affect the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and highlights the importance of gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as an effective contribution towards the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Her Excellency Ms. Mona Juul President of the Economic and Social Council New York