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Coalition for the UN We Need Statement Revitalization of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN) welcomes the process of revitalizing the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and acknowledges this as a critical step towards strengthening multilateralism and advancing gender equality. We are encouraged that the Pact for the Future, particularly Chapter 5, has sparked momentum for this revitalization, and we stand ready to support the follow-up and implementation efforts to make CSW a more impactful, accountable, and transformative space to push forward progress.

C4UN echoes the recommendations provided by [NGO CSW](#) New York, the [Women's Rights Caucus](#), and the [Young Feminist Caucus](#) as comprehensive inputs into the process. We call on UN Women and Member States to center these recommendations to inform the intergovernmental process.

For too long, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) has been constrained by a lack of robust accountability mechanisms, limiting its ability to drive real change. If we are to close the gap between commitments and implementation, we must move towards clear, measurable, and action-oriented outcomes. A revitalized CSW must not only reflect the urgency of gender equality but also produce ambitious Agreed Conclusions and outcomes that translate into concrete regional, national, and local-level action and tangible progress.

This revitalization process is unfolding against a backdrop of shrinking civic space and increasing pushback against gender equality and human rights standards. These challenges extend beyond the CSW and reflect broader threats to multilateralism across the UN system. As we advance this effort, it is essential to position CSW revitalization within the larger conversation on UN reform, sustainable financing, and the restoration of trust in multilateralism and in each other.

A meaningful revitalization of CSW must center civil society as key partners in shaping its agenda, informing its intergovernmental processes, and ensuring its effectiveness. The full, effective, meaningful and active participation of diverse civil society organizations, grassroots movements, human rights defenders, and advocates, particularly those representing historically marginalized communities, is essential. More transparent, inclusive, participatory and accountable mechanisms must be developed to enable their engagement in all conversations on CSW revitalization.

Furthermore, it is critical to strengthen the linkages between CSW and other UN mechanisms to enhance policy coherence and reinforce commitments to gender equality across the system. This includes synergies with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), as well as other Human Rights Council reporting and monitoring mechanisms, and other intergovernmental processes. The integration of gender equality, gender-responsive approaches, and a strong human rights framework must be prioritized across all levels of policy, decision-making and implementation.



C4UN stands ready to support and engage in this process and calls on all stakeholders to ensure that CSW revitalization is not just a procedural exercise but a transformative step toward a more inclusive, effective, and accountable UN system.