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### **Statement submitted by Asia Pacific Women’s Watch, Feminist League and Forum of Women’s NGOs of Kyrgyzstan, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council\***

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **Statement**

### **Leaving no one behind: effective women's organizations' participation in implementation and review of the Global Agenda 2030**

Since 1995 the Beijing Platform for Action played a significant role in many countries and significant achievements were reached in the area of women's rights and gender equality within the framework of the Beijing Platform for Action and National Plans of Actions for gender equality. Many remain women's rights still as promises. Some of the major reasons are failure to mainstream in financial processes that support national development, lack of adequate means of implementation, lack of accountability for women's rights and gender equality and women's ownership of national development.

Forum of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan fully supports the establishment of Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower of all women and girls" and urges governments and the United Nations to also push for gender equality and gender mainstreaming across all of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Women need not only policy changes but adequate means of implementation, especially resourcing.

New Global Agenda for sustainable development gives many opportunities for States, United Nations and other development actors, including women's organizations to realize long-standing commitments and expectations in the area of women's rights.

To achieve women's rights and gender equality through Agenda 2030 requires better policy, inclusive partnership, effective accountability and real means of implementation.

### **Strengthening accountability for women's rights and gender equality**

Accountability is one of the means to reach that nobody is left behind!

New Global Agenda 2030 give chance to strengthen accountability for the political and financial implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

States and all development partners should use new accountability mechanisms for their political commitments under the sustainable development goals with rigorously monitoring progress, correcting setbacks, hearing from stakeholders and people affected and addressing their concerns, and this will significantly contribute to ensure implementation of Agenda 2030 at all levels.

### **Strengthening participation of Women's Groups in implementation and review of the Agenda 2030**

Women and their organizations at national and local levels may play significant role in the success of the Agenda 2030 implementation and review, if they are effectively engaged from the beginning of the agenda implementation.

Implementation of the New Global Agenda 2030 provides opportunities and should include at local, national and regional levels full engagement of women's organizations

Women's organizations in Kyrgyzstan, as well as Central Asia and in general in the Commonwealth of Independent States region are not well engaged into the post-2015 processes, not at the global nor at national or local levels.

There are principles of women's organizations' engagement and they need more attention to, better accountability for full implementation of State and donors' commitments on women's rights and gender equality, including to such principles as Inclusiveness, Transparency, National and local ownership, wide cooperation within women's movement, women's organizations and with civil society organizations, and Institutionalized participation of women's organizations in all stages of follow up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We call for governments, private sector and civil society for:

- Transparent accountability and reporting mechanisms for all stakeholders involved in financing sustainable development, including United Nations agencies, international financial and trade institutions, implementing agencies, transnational corporations, and other relevant actors in the private sector and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
- Stronger capacity-building and more resources for the monitoring and accountability of country policies on women's rights and gender equality that are key to the success of the new development agenda.
- Awareness raising of women's movement in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia on the Sustainable Development Goals, related processes, of women's organizations' roles, of global and national partnership, of the impact of Sustainable Development Goal implementation on women's rights and gender equality, what are means of implementation for women's rights and gender equality
- Wide involvement of women's organizations in participation in follow up implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Increase of advocacy spaces and power of women's movement at all levels
- Linking global with national and local agenda in post 2015 processes in the region
- Wide engagement in Sustainable Development Goal monitoring processes in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia and wider in the Commonwealth of Independent States
- Increase of local ownership of the Agenda 2030 by women's organizations in the region
- Capacity building programmes for women's organizations' participation in the monitoring of Agenda 2030 in order to assist diverse governmental sectors in integration of gender equality and women's rights into their work and in verification of collected data in review processes
- Meaningful cooperation with private sector for assisting and later in monitoring of private sector in integration of human rights and women's rights standards into private sector work as development partners

- Increase of accountability of all development partners within the Agenda 2030 implementation
- Full participation of women's organizations in development agenda setting at national and local levels
- Adequate involvement of women's organizations in development and discussion of indicators of women's rights and gender equality

We urge States:

In their implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, to strengthen and upgrade National Action Plans for women's rights and gender equality with adequate attention to implementation of target 5.a, 5 b, and 5c of the "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

To include into National action plans on reaching Sustainable Development Goal 5 with full means of implementation; with effective mechanisms for civil society participation, transparency, and accountability.

To consider policy changes, accompanied by an effective means of implementation, including adequate finances, and that involve a regular results based accountability from all development actors, based on national and local women's needs.

National Level Monitoring and Review of implementation of Agenda 2030 must include accountability for Goal 5 and for integration of women's rights and gender equality perspective into all other goals.

To strengthen national women's rights and gender equality machineries; to strengthen national and local women's movements.

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