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## Commission on the Status of Women

### Sixty-fifth session

15–26 March 2021

Agenda item 7

### Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-fifth session

## Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Shilpa Pullela (Australia)

## Organization of the session

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its sixty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 March 2021. The Commission held \_\_\_\_\_ meetings (1st to \_\_).

2. The Commission, pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its 1st meeting, held on 15 March 2021, and taking into account the impact of the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the working arrangements for its sixty-fifth session and the available technological and procedural solutions for the interim period, convened [ ] virtual informal meetings to hold a general discussion, ministerial round tables and interactive dialogues under agenda item 3. The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings are reflected in the annex to the present report.

### B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of \_\_\_\_ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.



### C. Officers of the Commission

4. The following officers were elected at the 1st and 2nd meetings of the sixty-fourth session, on 22 March 2019 and on 9 March 2020, as well as through a letter from the Chair dated 9 July 2020,<sup>1</sup> and at the 1st meeting of the sixty-fifth session, on 15 March 2021, to serve on the Bureau of the Commission at its sixty-fifth session:

*Chair:*

Mher Margaryan (Armenia)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Ahlem Sara Charikhi (Algeria)

Na Sang Deok (Republic of Korea)

*Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:*

Shilpa Pallela (Australia)<sup>2</sup>

### D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 15 March 2021, the Commission adopted its agenda as contained in document [E/CN.6/2021/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”:
  - (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
    - (i) Priority theme: women’s full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
    - (ii) Review theme: women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session);
  - (b) Emerging issues, trends, focus areas and new approaches to questions affecting the situation of women, including equality between women and men;
  - (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Economic and Social Council decisions 2020/205 of 3 April 2020, 2020/206 of 22 May 2020 and 2020/219 of 24 June 2020, as well as Council resolution [2020/4](#).

<sup>2</sup> In a letter dated 9 February 2021, the Chair of the Group of Western European and other States informed the Commission that Ms. Jo Feldman of Australia had completed her tour of duty in New York and that the Group had endorsed Ms. Shilpa Pallela of Australia to complete the remaining term of Ms. Jo Feldman as Vice-Chair of the Commission at its sixty-fifth session.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-fifth session.
6. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document [E/CN.6/2021/1/Add.1](#).

## **E. Documentation**

7. The list of documents before the Commission at its sixty-fifth session is available from <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/official-documents>.
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