



Seventy-ninth session
Agenda item 27
Advancement of women

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 7 May 2025

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/79/L.81](#))]

79/288. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the significance of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in September 1995,

Reaffirming the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted in 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women¹ and the outcome documents of its twenty-third special session,²

Recalling its resolution [78/182](#) of 19 December 2023 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, in which it decided to convene a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly in the margins of the general debate at its eightieth session in order to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

Recognizing that, through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development³ and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government confirmed that realizing gender equality and the empowerment

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² Resolution [S-23/2](#), annex, and resolution [S-23/3](#), annex.

³ Resolution [70/1](#).



of women and girls would make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets, which was reaffirmed in the Pact for the Future in 2024,⁴

Reiterating that the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session is essential to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Decides* that the one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women shall be held in New York on Monday, 22 September 2025, during the eightieth session of the General Assembly, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and consist of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion and a closing segment;

2. *Also decides* that the theme of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly will be “Recommitting to, resourcing and accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” and that this meeting will highlight achievements, best practices, gaps and challenges;

3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 10 to 10.45 a.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session, the Secretary-General, a representative of China as the host country of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Chair of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, as well as an eminent high-level champion of gender equality, a representative from civil society and a young woman leader, to be selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly;

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 10.45 a.m. to 7.45 p.m., without interruption, will comprise statements by all States Members of the United Nations, all members of the specialized agencies that have observer status with the General Assembly, and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(c) The closing segment, to be held from 7.45 to 8 p.m., will comprise concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of UN-Women, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action following the high-level political forum on sustainable development in July 2025, with the active participation of representatives of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies that have observer status with the General Assembly, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and parliamentarians, representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social

⁴ See resolution 79/1.

Council, invited civil society organizations, national human rights institutions where they exist, academic institutions and the private sector, ensuring the participation and voices of women and girls as part of the preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, to take stock of the outcomes and recommendations of other United Nations intergovernmental processes, including the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and relevant initiatives, and also requests the President of the General Assembly to prepare a summary of the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing prior to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly;

5. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting of the General Assembly and to participate in the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis⁵ and in any case, no later than July 2025 for the preparatory process, and to bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

7. *Invites* members of civil society, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academia, development partners, youth and other relevant initiatives to make a fundamental contribution to the process in terms of raising awareness of gaps and challenges and identifying concrete actions to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and its contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

8. *Encourages* all Member States, members of the United Nations specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level and to consider including in their national delegations heads of national mechanisms for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as appropriate, as well as representatives such as parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, youth and other relevant stakeholders;

9. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly;

10. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly and the preparations for the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing good practices, challenges, lessons learned and urgent actions that need to be taken for the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

11. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly shall be webcast; and encourages the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and UN-Women to give the highest visibility to this meeting

⁵ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.

and its summary, as well as to the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to prepare a summary of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly and to bring the summary to the attention of Member States, relevant United Nations entities and other relevant stakeholders.

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