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Report on the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review*

I. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

1. The following decisions adopted at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review are brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:

Decision 1

The participants in the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review request the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and other entities of the United Nations system in the region, within their respective mandates, to continue to support members and associate members of the Commission in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of their reviews, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the national and regional levels, in accordance with national laws and priorities.

Decision 2

The participants in the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review request the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to organize, in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and all other relevant partners, as appropriate, a regional intergovernmental meeting to review the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the key priorities for accelerated action in Asia and the Pacific, in 2029, and to submit the report on the regional meeting to the Commission for consideration at its eighty-sixth session.

* Annexes II and III are being circulated without formal editing, in the language of submission only.

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II. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review

2. The Ministerial Conference, which was held in Bangkok from 19 to 21 November 2024, was opened by the Minister of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand, Mr. Varawut Silpa-archa, the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). The Director of the Justice for Equality in Afghanistan Organization, Ms. Shahrzad Koofi Ahmadi, the Director General of Chongqing Liangjiang New District KnowDeaf Social Work Service Centre, Ms. Linqian Peng, and Researcher and Project Assistant at the Public Association Women's Organization "Alga", Ms. Aizhan Dzhanaeva, spoke on behalf of civil society.

B. Attendance

3. Representatives of the following member States attended: Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

4. Representatives of the following associate members also attended: Cook Islands and Macao, China.

5. Representatives of the following Permanent Observers attended: Finland, Mexico, Morocco and Sweden. Representatives of the Holy See, an observer to the United Nations, also attended.

6. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds also attended: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Labour Organization, International Organization for Migration, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations University, UN-Women, World Bank Group, World Food Programme and World Health Organization.

7. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations also attended: Asian Development Bank, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Pacific Community, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

8. Furthermore, the Ministerial Conference was attended by some 250 non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities (see annex II).

9. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the bureau examined the credentials of the representatives of member States and reported upon them to the participants in the Ministerial Conference. The credentials of the representatives of 44 member States were found to be in order. Acknowledging the report of the Credentials Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session,[1] and in line with Assembly resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950, the bureau decided to defer any action on the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar at the Ministerial Conference pending a decision by the Assembly on the representation of Myanmar.

10. The participants in the Ministerial Conference took note of the oral report of the bureau on credentials.

C. Election of officers

11. The following officers were elected:

Chair:	Ms. Ing Kantha Phavi (Cambodia)
Vice-Chairs:	Ms. Sharmeen S. Murshid (Bangladesh) Ms. Lin Yi (China) Ms. Lynda Diseru Tabuya (Fiji) Ms. Zahra Behrouz Azar (Islamic Republic of Iran) Ms. Aly Vongnorbountham (Lao People's Democratic Republic) Mr. Jess Gasper, Jr. (Marshall Islands) Mr. Munkhtushig Lkhanaajav (Mongolia) Ms. Charmaine E. Scotty (Nauru) Mr. Gustav N. Aitaro (Palau) Mr. Jason Peter (Papua New Guinea) Ms. Ermelita V. Valdeavilla (Philippines) Ms. Mulipola Anarosa Ale - Molio'o (Samoa) Mr. Varawut Silpa-archa (Thailand) Ms. Elvina Sousa Carvalho (Timor-Leste) Mr. Lord Vaea (Tonga) Mrs. Oguljennet Berdiliyeva (Turkmenistan) Mr. Monise Laafai (Tuvalu) Mrs. Nguyen Thi Ha (Viet Nam)

D. Agenda

12. The participants in the Ministerial Conference adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review:
   - (a) Opening addresses;
   - (b) Election of officers;
   - (c) Adoption of the agenda.

[1] A/78/605.

2. Review of the progress made towards the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and priorities for accelerated action in Asia and the Pacific.

3. Thematic discussion on the achievements, challenges, gaps and emerging issues in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and key actions for their further implementation in Asia and the Pacific:

   (a) Advancing women's economic empowerment through employment, decent work, social protection and entrepreneurship;

   (b) Strengthening women's participation and leadership in Asia and the Pacific;

   (c) Sustainable strategies for responding to and preventing violence against women and girls in an era of uncertainty;

   (d) Accelerating gender equality through gender-transformative actions that bridge divides and smoothen key transitions.

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the report on the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review.

E. Other events

13. Between 16 and 21 November 2024, some 30 seminars, side events and special sessions were held in conjunction with the Ministerial Conference (see annex III).

III. Chair's summary

14. The discussions held during the Ministerial Conference will be summarized in a Chair's summary that will be made available as an addendum to the present report (ESCAP/MCBR/2024/5/Add.1).

Annex I

List of documents

Symbol	*Title*	*Agenda item*
General series		
ESCAP/MCBR/2024/1	Provisional agenda	1 (c)
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Note: The information for participants, the list of participants and the tentative programme are available at www.unescap.org/events/2024/asia-pacific-ministerial-conference-beijing30-review.

Annex II

List of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities attending the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review

Aaprabasi Mahila Kamdar Samuha Nepal; Access Planet Organization; Action Group on Erosion, Technology, and Concentration; Alliance of Marriage Migrants Organizations for Rights & Empowerment; Anubhuti Charitable Trust; Ant Foundation; APCOM Foundation; ARC Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; Arular Kazakh Women's Association, Mongolia; Asar Social Impact Advisors Private Limited; ASEAN Disability Forum; Asia Feminist Coalition; ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly; ASEAN Youth Forum; Asia Dalit Rights Forum; Asia Feminist LBQ Network; Asia Monitor Resource Centre; Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development; Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants; Asia Pacific Women's Watch; Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women; Aurat Publication and Information Service Foundation; Australian Coalition on Women, Peace and Security; Autism Inclusiveness Direct Action Group; Bali Women Crisis Centre Legal Aid; Beijing Qianqian Law Firm; Beyond Beijing Committee Nepal; Boundless: Voices Culture People; BRAC; Breakthrough Movement; CEDAW Action Myanmar; Center for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population; Center for Education Promotion and Empowerment of Women; Center for Environment and Community Research; Center for Inclusive Policy; Center for Migrant Advocacy; Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives; Center for Women and Development; China Association for NGO Cooperation; China Disabled Persons' Federation; China Population and Development Research Center; China Youth Network; Chinese Women's Research Society; Chongqing Liangjiang New District KnowDeaf Social Work Service Centre; Civil Society Alliance for Women and Politics; Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia; Common Language; CommonAge; COPE; Creating Resources for Empowerment and Action Inc.; Creative Home; Culture Centre for the Deaf; Da Hawwa Lur; Dakila - Philippine Collective for Modern Heroism; Delete Nothing; Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka; Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era; Dharmalife; Digital Rights Foundation; Dignity Pasifik; Disability Pride Bangladesh; Donald Beasley Institute; Eco Artisan; Emenstrual: Menstrual Equity; Equal Asia Foundation; Equal Measures 2030; Equality Beijing; Equality Now; Everystory Sri Lanka; Facilitation Association of Economy for Cooperatives; Famalao'an Rights; Fambear Thailand; Family Frontiers; Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka; Federation of Women with Disability Nepal; Feminist Manch; Fermata Inc.; FHI360; Fiji Women's Rights Movement; First Pasefika Fono Network; Forum for Dignity Initiatives; Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan; FP2030; Gates Foundation; Gender and Development for Cambodia; Gender at Work India; Gender Equality Network; General Assembly Binding Women for Reforms, Integrity, Equality, Leadership and Action; Gerakan Perempuan Peduli Indonesia; Ghazi Social Welfare Association; Girls Congress; Girls Not Brides; Girls Run the World; Global Alliance for Care; Global Health Advocacy Incubator; Global Network of Women Peacebuilders; Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict; Green Welfare Indonesia; Hanoi Association of People with Disabilities; Highlands Women Human Rights Defenders Movement; Hiking with Knowledge Mongolia; Home Net Pakistan; Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres Limited; Hong Kong Women Workers' Association; Human Development, Reproductive Health and Rights NGOs Network; Inclusion

Journey; Indigenous People with Disability Global Network; Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education; Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group; Inno Community Development Organisation; Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment; Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality; Institute of Development Studies; Integrated Rural Development Service Organisation; International Association of Women in Radio and Television; International Centre for Ethnic Studies; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Domestic Workers Federation; International Federation of Business and Professional Women; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association of Asia Region; International Planned Parenthood Federation East and Southeast Asia and Oceania Region; International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific; International Women's Development Agency; International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry Mongolia; Intersex Bangladesh; Jago Nari Unnayon Sangstha; Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Justice for Equality in Afghanistan Organization; Kabul Orthopedic Organization; Kafin Migrant Center; Karishma Ali Foundation; Karmojibi Nari; Kebaya Foundation; Klahaan Organization; Korea Network of Organized Women in Politics; Korea Women's Associations United; Ku.Sal Marginalized Women Organization; Labour Rights Foundation, Thailand; Lawyer's Collective for Gender Justice; Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency; Likhaan Center for Women's Health Inc.; LoveIsDiversity; Malaysian Youth Diplomacy; Mariwala Health Initiative; MicroSave Consulting; Mission for Migrant Workers; Monfemnet National Network of Mongolia; MSI Asia Pacific; Musawah; National Center Against Violence; National Fisheries Solidarity Movement; National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal; National Indigenous Women Forum; National Rural Women's Coalition; Nationality for All; Nazariya, a Queer Feminist Resource Group; Niue Women Alliance for Climate Justice; North East Network; One Future Collective; Oriang Philippines; Orygen; Oxfam in Asia; Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization; Palau Research Institute; Pasifika Network Loss and Damage; Philippine Rural Construction Movement; Phuket Pinay Migrants Association; Pohnpei Consumer Organization; Point of View; Population Foundation of India; Pragroshor Shamajik Unnayan and Progoti Kendro; Public Association Women's Organisation Alga; Public Organization "Ghamkhori"; Rainbow Pride Foundation of Fiji; Rising Flame; Roots for Equity; Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers); Rozan; Samoa Victim Support Group; Samsara; Sense International India; Serikat Perempuan Indonesia; Settlement Services International; Seven Sisters Foundation; Sex Workers Network; Shaanxi Gender Development Solution; Shaanxi Women and Children's Development Foundation; Shelter Participatory Org; Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre; Shivi Development Society; Shobujer Ovijan Foundation; Silaka; Society of Trans Women of the Philippines; Soroptimist International; South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation; Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Spak Indonesia; Swayam; The Asia Foundation; The Asian Muslim Action Network Indonesia; The Association of Agrarian Women, Fergana Branch; The Center for Support and Development of Initiatives "Umid"; The Gender Lab; The Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement; The Starving Artist; The YP Foundation; Three Good Spoons; Tonga Leitis' Association; Touching the Untouchables; TransEnd; Tsao Foundation; Ujyalo Foundation; UN Women Japan Committee; University of Health Sciences; Urja Trust; Visible Impact; WAYVE Foundation; Women Empowerment Nauru Association; Women Enablers Advocates and Volunteers for Empowering and Responsive Solutions; Women in Adult and

Vocational Education; Women and Media Collective; Women Peace Makers; Women's Fund Asia; Women's Centre Sri Lanka; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Women's League of Burma; Women's Participation Institute; Women's Rehabilitation Center; Women's Solidarity Network; Women's Studies Institute of China; World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts; World Benchmarking Alliance; World Vision South Asia & Pacific; Xi'an Peihua University; Yayasan Ambeua Helewo Ruru; Yayasan Biyung; Yayasan Kebaya Yogyakarta; Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka; Youth LEAD Mongolia; Youth Led Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Advocacy Nepal; Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center; Y-PEER Vietnam; Yuwa; Zonta International Australia; Zonta International District 17 Area 6.

Annex III

List of seminars, side events and special sessions held in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review

Between 16 and 21 November 2024, the following seminars, side events and special sessions were held:

(a) 16 to 18 November 2024, civil society and youth forums, organized by the Beijing +30 Civil Society Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific;

(b) 19 November 2024, side event: “Advancing Women-Led Development”, organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Government of India;

(c) 19 November 2024, side event: “Feminist Finance: The Key to Unlocking Private Sector Innovation for Gender Equality”, organized by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and ESCAP, in collaboration with the Government of Fiji and the Government of Thailand;

(d) 19 November 2024, side event: “Inclusion of Gender Diversity in Gender Equality Efforts: Focus on CRVS and Legal Identity”, organized by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Global Health Advocacy Incubator;

(e) 19 November 2024, side event: “Transforming Discriminatory Social Norms to Empower Women: Insights from Asian countries for Accelerated Action towards Beijing+30”, jointly organized by the International Women’s Federation of Commerce and Industry, Mongolia, the Korean Women’s Development Institute and the OECD Development Centre;

(f) 19 November 2024, side event: “Voices to Action: Launch of Asia-Pacific Beijing+30 Civil Society Report”, organized by the Beijing+30 Asia-Pacific Civil Society Steering Committee;

(g) 20 November 2024, side event: “Changemakers Forum – Advancing the Rights and Leadership of Women and Girls with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific”, organized by ESCAP and UN Women;

(h) 20 November 2024, side event: “Gender Equality in a Changing Demographic World: Experiences from China since 1995”, organized by the Minzu University of China, in collaboration with the China Population and Development Research Center, Chinese Women’s Research Society and UNFPA China;

(i) 20 November 2024, side event: “Harnessing Technology and STEM to Enable Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Promote Rights and Address Gender Equality in the Asia-Pacific Region”, organized by UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office;

(j) 20 November 2024, side event: “Re-imagining Social Protection for Migrant Women: Unpacking Issues and Best Practices of Migrant Women in the Asia-Pacific”, organized by the Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM);

(k) 20 November 2024, side event: “Shifting the Dial on Efforts to Tackle Forced Labour and Child Labour of Women and Girls in Asia: Pathways for Decent Work”, organized by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Northern Ireland and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Government of Australia;

(l) 20 November 2024, side event: “The Promise of Comprehensive SRHR towards achieving Beijing Platform of Action in Asia and the Pacific: A Critical Inquiry”, organized by the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women and Wreetu Health and Well-being Foundation;

(m) 20 November 2024, side event: “Integrating Gender and Poverty in Climate Finance: An Interactive Session”, organized by the Government of Bangladesh, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, UNDP and UN Women;

(n) 20 November 2024, side event: “Advancing Gender Equality in Health: Lessons from Practice”, organized by the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women, Philippine Commission on Women, and Public Health Foundation of India through its Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health;

(o) 20 November 2024, side event: “Inclusive Justice: Gender, Corruption and Good Governance – Experience from Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand”, organized by the UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand, Philippines’ Court of Tax Appeals and SPAK Indonesia;

(p) 20 November 2024, side event: “Shifting Power: Making Rights Real for Women at the Margins”, organized by Rising Flame, in collaboration with CREA, Mariwala Health Initiative, Point of View and Women’s Fund Asia;

(q) 21 November 2024, special event: “2024 Asia-Pacific Care Champions”, organized by ESCAP and UN Women, with the support of the Global Alliance for Care and in collaboration with Oxfam and the World Bank Group;

(r) 21 November 2024, side event: “Advancing the Beijing Platform for Action through Feminist Foreign Policy”, organized by the International Women’s Development Agency, in collaboration with CREA, Fiji Women’s Rights Movement, Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative, Gender and Development for Cambodia, The Asia Foundation;

(s) 21 November 2024, side event: “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the Asia-Pacific Region”, organized by the Australian Coalition on Women, Peace and Security;

(t) 21 November 2024, side event: “Daring to Dream on Gender Equality – B+30, the 2030 Agenda and Beyond”, organized by Women Deliver, in collaboration with the International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific and Women’s Fund Asia;

(u) 21 November 2024, side event: “Perspectives of Policymakers and Practitioners on Opportunities and Resilience for Women Entrepreneurs in the Digital Economy: Learnings from India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand”, organized by APCICT, MicroSave Consulting and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand;

(v) 21 November 2024, side event: “Women’s Rights at Risk: Reflections of the Left Behind”, organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation East and Southeast Asia and Oceania Region;

(w) 21 November 2024, side event: “Advancing Women’s Access to Justice in Asia and the Pacific: Balancing Parity and Empowerment”, organized by the International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific and UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, in collaboration with Gender and Development Cambodia;

(x) 21 November 2024, side event: “Actions for Girls: Regional Dialogue on Adolescent Pregnancy in South Asia” organized by South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia;

(y) 21 November 2024, side event: “From Reflections to Solutions: Connecting Intersections through Evidence to Advance the Beijing Platform for Action” organized by Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Asia Pacific Women’s Watch, Breakthrough Trust, and the Equal Measures 2030 Coalition;

(z) 21 November 2024, side event: “Advancing Women’s Humanitarian Leadership in Asia and the Pacific”, organized by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross;

(aa) 21 November 2024, side event: “Digital Gender Divide: Prevention, Regulation, Empowerment”, organized by the eSafety Commissioner of Government of Australia, in collaboration with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women;

(bb) 21 November 2024, side event: “Accelerating Investment in Gender Equality: Financing and Policy Reform”, organized by USAID, in collaboration with the World Bank;

(cc) 21 November 2024, side event: “Digital Safety for Women and Girls: Preventing Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime”, organized by the Beacon of Rights, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health, United Nations University Institute in Macao, China and UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific.