National Statement for Beijing 25+ in Bangkok

Madam Chair

The Beijing Platform for Action holds a special significance for Nauru as it is the reason how the Women’s Affairs Department progressed from just a desk in the Chief Secretary’s Office to now a fully functioning Office with the full support and backing of the Government.

**Key Actions to harness synergy between Platform for action and 2030 Agenda**

Inspired by the blueprint for gender equality and women empowerment Nauru introduced the Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017 to address violence against women and girls. 2030 is also an important year for meeting the targets set out in Beijing and Nauru is especially proud on the approach to budget allocation and how a certain percentage of revenue on tax on alcohol is now being channeled into Women’s Affairs for its implementation for activities.

**Policies to address key challenges**

The Women’s Affairs Division have had to think of innovative ways to package information regarding the issues of gender inequality of women and girls and so the policy direction that the Women’s Affairs have moved into is real contextualized solutions in relation to issues surrounding day care centers for mothers, maternity leave for mothers, sexual harassment in the workplace and providing a platform for the marginalized group of women and girls with disabilities as well the elderly.

**Regional Collaboration and Partnerships**

Nauru commends and appreciates the support by the regional organizations and calls for continued and accelerated support going into 2020. Nauru will be hosting the Micronesian Women’s Conference in August 2020 and Vice-Chair of the Triennial women’s conference so the principles of the Beijing Platform as well as CSW and the synergy with other outcomes document is one we will require support for.
Conclusion

The challenges remain to ensure that the work progressed does not become mere rhetoric and mercurial but follows with strong political will and so the work continues in terms of engagement and progressive realization of rights for all women and girls.

Nauru affirms its commitment that while progress has been slow for the Beijing Platform the responsibility of ensuring that No One Is Left Behind is not lost on us and as such we will continue to strive to ensure that there is always a platform for women and girls.

We affirm the commitments made by our Government and offer our congratulations on this 25th year of the Beijing Platform for Action

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