**Question Of:** Supporting sustainable development practices through gender equality and the empowerment of women.

**Forum:** The Economic and Social Council

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,**

*Seeking* equal social protection and employment rights for both genders and striving for the achievement of equal pay and also changing the social view on women’s role in the work market to encourage further participation,

*Noting with deep concern* the hardships women face today in the private sector with regards to wages and opportunities presented to women,

*Reaffirming* that women do not yet enjoy human rights on the same basis as men due to discriminatory laws and spousal abuse,

*Seeking* an increased presence for women in Governments and Parliaments, to ensure that not all decisions are based on conservative ideas or biased ideas towards women,

*Convinced* that education is the most effective way of creating a more equal workplace for all genders and social classes, and hoping that in the near future these education systems will include all basic necessary curriculum needed for economic prosperity,

1. Calls upon governments to encourage both genders to be fairly represented in rural working areas by
	1. promoting work
	2. improving the social care
	3. and provide subsidies to workers in case of unpredicted circumstances;
	4. encourage women to play sports and participate in world and local sports tournaments.
2. Calls other states to accept the social, cultural, religious and historical backgrounds and rules of member states, which may impose certain ways of life to a particular gender, this is to ensure that we accept differences and achieve optimum peace;
3. Supports efforts to bridge the wage gap eg. Equal pay, and job opportunities between both genders by
4. promoting women in the workplace to ensure a larger percentage who will be encouraged to apply in all major fields of business
5. encouraging governments to provide laws with the sole purpose of equal employment rights and protection of women
6. responsive budgeting and abolition of joint taxes to allow women to be financially independent which will lead to full independence later on;
7. Encourages women to report to local authorities, any case of domestic violence and abuse with the help of the UN organization UN Women in plan to provide unlimited support to the organization and plans for future expansion of the organization, as well as promoting the fact that men who abuse their partners should be punished for a wrong act and that men do not have the right to punish their partners;
8. Recommends women to participate in governmental and parliamentary elections for increased number of seats in the government which are filled by women, being done by but not limited to
9. A law which states that there must be a mandatory number of seats in government which must be filled by women, if there are not enough women candidates, the seats could be taken by the opposite sex
10. Increase political spending towards governmental campaigns focused on women candidates;
11. Urges the use of the “actions not words” principle to mainstream gender justice by
12. Mentoring programs
13. A gender-perspective approach
14. Team-building skills Adding certain topics to the education systems of children and raising awareness of gender equality through education;by developing an effective curriculum convenient for all ages capable of understanding the issue
15. Urges all member states to include in basic education programmes a new sub-curriculum focused on Triple Bottom Line businesses and environmental sustainable corporations.

8. Implement education that will emphasize women’s idea about work.

9.Encourages women to carry any non-deadly type of protection in case of any physical abuse or harassment actions,which will lead to a reduction of the percentage of at least physical abuse/harassment.

9. These non deadly weapons should be used in emergencies cases such as

i. weaving

ii.. backing

iii. handcrafts