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## **The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective**

***Amendments to the draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Bahrain, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.***

### **PREAMBLE**

#### Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Noting* that equal participation of men and women in public affairs and decision-making has long been recognized as a human right, as enshrined in the **1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 1953 Convention on the Political Rights of the Women, the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,**

*(Turkey)*

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Noting* that equal participation of men and women in public affairs and decision-making has long been recognized as a human right, as enshrined in the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ~~and~~ the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, **UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and relevant UN Security Council statements,**

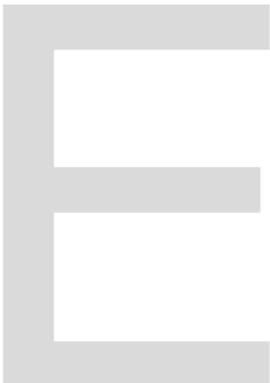
*(United Arab Emirates)*

#### New preambular paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

(2bis) ***Taking into account* the provisions contained in the national constitutions of States, in addition to the reservations made by certain States relating to the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the 1979 CEDAW Convention,**

*(Bahrain)*



Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

**(2bis.) Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit draws up a new blueprint for global development and emphasizes that realizing gender equality and women’s empowerment will make a crucial contribution to achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets.**

*(China)*

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Noting* that gender equality is a ~~precondition for~~ **vital part of** development, as set out in Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly in target 5.5, which aims to “ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life, **and target 5.c, which makes a call to “adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels”.**

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Noting* that gender equality **between the sexes** is a precondition for development, as set out in Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly in target 5.5, which aims to “ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life”,

*(Bahrain)*

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Noting* that gender equality is a precondition for development, as set out in Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly in target 5.5, which aims to “ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, **social** and public life”,

*(India)*

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action call for equal **and active participation of women and the incorporation of women’s perspectives at all levels of** ~~representation in~~ decision-making, and that already in 1990 the United Nations Economic and Social Council had set a 30-per cent target for women in leadership positions by 1995, and a target of parity by 2000,

*(Turkey)*

Move preambular paragraph 4 so that it follows preambular paragraph 1

*(Viet Nam)*

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Concerned* that as at 1 ~~January~~ **August** 2016 the global average of parliamentary seats held by women is still only 22.78 per cent, and *deeply concerned* that there are still ~~seven~~ **eight** parliamentary chambers with no women members at all,

*(Viet Nam)*

New preambular paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

**5bis. Recalling UN Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/15, which emphasizes the importance of ensuring that 30 per cent of decision-making positions in structures of authority are held by women, as well as the importance of improving men's and women's capacity to raise awareness about gender equality in their communities and change negative attitudes that lead to discrimination against women,**

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) Noting that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes and their access to parliament, including ~~an unequal share of household responsibilities, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, lack of finances, lack of support from political parties, a male-dominated political culture and security concerns,~~ **a male-dominated political culture, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, as well as security concerns, lack of support from political parties, unequal access to education, lack of finances and an unequal share of household responsibilities,**

*(Canada)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes, **including at the legislative, ministerial and sub-ministerial levels** and their access to parliament, including **the lack of access to health, education, training and employment,** an unequal share of household responsibilities, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, lack of finances, lack of support from political parties, a male-dominated political culture and security concerns,

*(Turkey)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes and their access to parliament, including an unequal share of household responsibilities, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, **lack of access to quality education,** lack of finances, lack of support from political parties, a male-dominated political culture and security concerns,

*(Romania)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes and their access to parliament, including an unequal share of household responsibilities **without recognition,** negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, lack of finances, lack of support from political parties, a male-dominated political culture and security concerns,

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes and their access to parliament, including an unequal share of household responsibilities, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, lack of ~~finances~~ **resources**, lack of support from political parties **and society at large**, a male-dominated political culture and security concerns,  
(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that various impediments continue to hinder women's ability to participate in political processes and their access to parliament, including an unequal share of household responsibilities, negative cultural attitudes and stereotypes regarding the role of women in society, persistent discrimination against women in law and in practice, lack of finances, lack of support from political parties, a male-dominated political culture, ~~and~~ security concerns **and the absence of the principle of gender equality in government policy and legislation**,  
(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Underscoring* that the economic empowerment of women is a precondition for their ability to take part in political processes ~~and to raise funds for campaigning~~,  
(China)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that young women **have been facing challenges concerning the attitudes and perceptions of society, policy-makers and human resources managers that discriminate against young women on the grounds of their role as mothers, and because of gender differences and experience** based on their age and sex, and that they are the least represented in parliament among both youth and women,  
(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Recognizing* that young women face specific challenges based on their age ~~and sex~~, **gender, education, health, access to basic services and the spread of poverty among women**, and that they are the least represented in parliament among both youth and women,  
(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* that **the introduction of legislative measures favouring equal access of women and men to elected office** ~~electoral gender quotas have proved to be useful and successful measures that facilitate women's access to elected office and to leadership positions,~~ **is an indispensable and effective mechanism to facilitate women's access to political office and leadership positions, irrespective of what forms these measures may have taken in the various countries that have implemented them: electoral gender quotas; an obligation by political parties to submit in elections under a proportional party-list system lists alternating candidates of both sexes; binominal elections that provide for the election of a pair of candidates - one male and one female - in each constituency, and financial penalties imposed on political parties that fail to field a sufficient proportion of women candidates. These measures are particularly effective in particular when such quotas they set ambitious goals, are promoted by are supported by political leaders, are understood by the general public and are supported with strong implementation mechanisms, such as sanctions for non-compliance when their implementation is guaranteed by solid mechanisms and effective sanctions**,  
(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* that electoral gender quotas **may** have proved to be useful and successful measures that facilitate women's access to elected office and to leadership positions, in particular when such quotas set ambitious goals, are promoted by political leaders, are understood by the general public and are supported with strong implementation mechanisms, such as sanctions for non-compliance,  
(Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* that electoral gender quotas, **among other measures**, have proved to be useful and successful measures that facilitate women's access to elected office and to leadership positions, in particular when such quotas set ambitious goals, are promoted by political leaders, are understood by the general public and are supported with strong implementation mechanisms, such as sanctions for non-compliance,  
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* that electoral gender quotas, **which have been used in more than 80 countries across the world**, have proved to be useful and successful measures that facilitate women's access to elected office and to leadership positions, in particular when such quotas set ambitious goals, are promoted by political leaders, are understood by the general public and are supported with strong implementation mechanisms, such as sanctions for non-compliance,  
(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Bearing in mind* that quota systems alone are not sufficient to change or challenge societal views whereby women are not perceived as equals, **and that only 15 countries among those who have chosen to use a quota system have established a rate of women's political participation above what has been determined as the critical level of 30 per cent**,  
(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Bearing in mind* that quota systems alone are not sufficient to change or challenge societal views whereby women are not perceived as equals **and that measures to promote gender equality in other areas are also needed**,  
(Viet Nam)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Underlining* that the increasing inclusion of women in political processes around the world has been accompanied by forms of resistance such as **stereotypes**, harassment, intimidation and violence, including online and in social media,  
(Thailand)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Underlining* that the increasing inclusion of women in political processes around the world has been accompanied by forms of resistance such as harassment, intimidation and violence, including online and in social media, **in addition to other forms of resistance that are related to social, cultural, economic and legislative factors**,  
(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Underlining Noting* that the increasing inclusion of women in political processes around the world has been accompanied by forms of resistance such as harassment, intimidation and violence, including online and in social media,

(Indonesia)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Acknowledging* that ~~violence targeting women in politics is a serious impediment to women's ability to carry out the mandate for which they have been elected,~~ **the climate of tension and confrontation that characterizes the political race may dissuade women from participating in an electoral contest and from running for elected terms and offices,**

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Acknowledging* that violence targeting women in politics is a serious impediment to women's ability to carry out ~~the~~ **their** mandate for which they have been elected,

(South Africa)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Recognizing* that a gender-sensitive parliament is one that responds to the needs and interests of both men and women in its structures, **rules and regulations,** operations, methods and work,

(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Also recognizing* the need for parliaments to ~~adopt~~ **encourage the adoption of** a strategy of gender-mainstreaming **gender-based analysis,** namely, the process of assessing and taking into account the impact on women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes at all levels and in all spheres,

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 15bis

Add a new preambular paragraph after paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**(15bis) *Also recognizing* the need for parliaments to encourage the adoption of a strategy for gender-mainstreaming, namely, taking into account women's as well as men's concerns and experiences as integral dimensions of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetrated,**

(Canada)

Add a new preambular paragraph after paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**(15bis) *Underlining* that gender balance at expert hearings in parliamentary standing committees is of great importance for mainstreaming gender policy,**

(Finland)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Underscoring* that gender equality ~~is in~~ **ensures the rights and** the interests of both men and women, and **thus** should be promoted jointly by both sexes at the local, national, regional and international levels,

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Underscoring* that gender equality is in the interest of both men and women and should be promoted jointly by both sexes in **legal, political, economic, cultural and social terms** at the local, national, regional and international levels,

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Underscoring* that gender equality is in the interest of both men and women and should be promoted jointly by both ~~sexes~~ **genders** at the local, national, regional and international levels,

(Kenya)

**OPERATIVE PART**

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that national laws and the practices of government agencies and educational authorities comply with international law, human rights obligations and **all other international obligations, including those linked to the United Nations System organizations**, particularly in relation to women's and young women's empowerment;

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that national laws and the **rules and** practices of government ~~agencies and educational~~ authorities comply with international law and human rights obligations, particularly in relation to women's and young women's empowerment;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Also urges* parliaments **where appropriate** to amend or repeal existing legislation that directly or indirectly discriminates against women and impedes their full participation in political processes;

(Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Also urges* parliaments to amend or repeal existing legislation that directly or indirectly discriminates against women and impedes their full participation in political processes **within the parameters set by the national constitutions of States**;

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Also urges* parliaments to amend or repeal existing legislation that directly or indirectly discriminates against women and impedes their full participation in political processes, **as well as to enact legislation that encourages gender equality;**

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls on* men and women parliamentarians to work together and to take joint initiatives in parliament to promote gender equality **and the empowerment of women at all levels of policy-making processes and decision-making positions;**

*(Romania)*

New operative paragraphs 3bis, 3ter and 3 quater

- 3bis. ***Calls on* parliaments to include a gender equality perspective in education policies and to work towards closing the gender gap in educational opportunities;**

- 3ter. ***Encourages* parliaments to support the strengthening of national mechanisms for gender equality and the empowerment of women, as well as collaboration and synergies between them;**

- 3quater. ***Calls on* parliaments and parliamentarians to enhance cooperation with civil society organizations, particularly independent women's organizations, in the elaboration, monitoring and evaluation of measures to increase women's participation in political processes;**

*(Romania)*

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also calls* on parliaments to ~~promote~~ **adopt new media strategies that address the role of women and develop gender equality, and if possible, to enact national legislation that requires such strategies to be issued or adopted, as well as to develop** media, educational and community-level campaigns that aim to combat gender stereotypes; and *further calls* on men and women parliamentarians to play a prominent role in those efforts, and to act as champions and role models in challenging gender stereotypes and negative attitudes towards women;

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also calls* on parliaments to promote media, educational and community-level campaigns that aim to combat **harmful** gender stereotypes; and *further calls* on men and women parliamentarians to play a prominent role in those efforts, and to act as champions and role models in challenging gender stereotypes and negative attitudes towards women;

*(Iran (Islamic Republic of))*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also calls* on parliaments to promote media, educational and community-level campaigns that aim to combat gender stereotypes **and eliminate discriminatory messages from the mass media;** and *further calls* on men and women parliamentarians to play a prominent role in those efforts, and to act as champions and role models in challenging gender stereotypes and negative attitudes towards women;

*(Viet Nam)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also calls* on parliaments to promote media, educational and community-level campaigns that aim to combat gender stereotypes; and *further calls* on men and women parliamentarians to play a prominent role in those efforts, and to act as champions and role models in challenging gender stereotypes and negative attitudes towards women, **taking into account the societal values of each State**;

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. **Urges parliaments to continue to promote education as part of an inclusive democratic society, with particular focus on ensuring equal access for women and girls, and incorporating a gender perspective into all civic education activities;**

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate ~~the reconciliation of~~ **the interplay between family personal**, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, **early schooling for young children** as well as economic support and infrastructure-building for child care;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate the reconciliation **and strengthening** of family, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, as well as economic support and infrastructure-building for child care;

(Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate the reconciliation of family, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, as well as economic support, ~~and infrastructure-building for child care~~ **and public services for the care of children and other dependants**;

(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate the reconciliation of family, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, as well as economic support, ~~and infrastructure-building~~ **and improving services** for child care **and household helpers to enable women to participate in political life**;

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate the reconciliation of family, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, as well as economic support and infrastructure-building for child care **through enacting and amending legislation and labour regulations that affect family life**;

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* parliaments to facilitate the reconciliation of family, professional and political life for both women and men, including by promoting shared parental leave, as well as economic support and infrastructure-building for child care, **without prejudice to the provisions contained in the national constitutions of States in this regard;**

(Bahrain)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Strongly urges* parliaments to ~~set a deadline by which at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians should be women and to set a further deadline by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent~~ **consider the possibility of setting quotas to increase the representation of women in parliament from 30 to 50 per cent;**

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

6. ~~*Strongly urges*~~ **Encourages** parliaments to set a ~~deadline by which~~ **timeline in order to work towards increasing women's participation as parliamentarians to** at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians ~~should be women and to set a further deadline~~ **timeline** by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent;

(Thailand)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Strongly urges* parliaments to set a deadline by which ~~at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians should be women~~ **all necessary parliamentary measures that enable women to reach at least 30 per cent of parliamentary seats will have been implemented** and to set a further deadline by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Strongly urges* parliaments to set a deadline by which at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians should be women and to set ~~a further~~ **an appropriate** deadline by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent;

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

6. ~~*Strongly urges*~~ **Urges** parliaments to set a deadline by which at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians should be women and to set a further deadline by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent **in accordance with national laws and where necessary;**

(Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Amend to read as follows:

6. ~~*Strongly urges*~~ **Encourages** parliaments to set a deadline by which at least 30 per cent of parliamentarians should be women and to set a further deadline by which that proportion should reach 50 per cent;

(Singapore)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation, **as appropriate**, of quota systems that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, ~~including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;~~

*(Thailand)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, ~~including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as~~ through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;

*(Viet Nam)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to ~~consider the adoption and implementation of~~ **adopt and ensure effective implementation of legislative measures favouring the equal access of women and men to elected office:** quota systems that set ambitious goals; **an obligation on political parties to submit, in elections that use list-based and proportional systems, lists that alternate candidates of both sexes; binominal elections that provide for the election of a pair of candidates - one male and one female – in each constituency, and financial penalties imposed on political parties that fail to field a sufficient proportion of women candidates;** and **enable these measures should allow** women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, ~~as well as through;~~ **their effective implementation should be guaranteed through** the adoption of strong sanctions systems ~~such as~~ **providing for** the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;

*(France)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems, **as appropriate and in accordance with the democratic electoral principles of general, direct, free, equal and secret elections, or other specific measures**, that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;

*(Germany)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems, **or other similar measures**, that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;

*(Canada)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists **in cases where political parties have failed to sufficiently take into consideration the need to achieve balanced representation;**

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Amend to read as follows:

7. **Taking into account the provisions contained in the national constitutions of States in this regard**, ~~Calls on~~ parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the electoral commission or body to reject non-compliant lists;

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to consider the adoption and implementation of quota systems that set ambitious goals and enable women to be pre-selected into winnable seats or winnable positions on lists, including through zipper systems and placing them at the top of electoral lists, as well as through the adoption of strong sanctions systems such as the power for the ~~electoral commission or body~~ **elections management body** to reject non-compliant lists;

(Kenya)

#### Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, ~~including by tying part of public funding to the number of women candidates that political parties field, establishing special funds or interest-free loans for women candidates, capping expenses, and limiting the duration of campaigns;~~

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, ~~including by tying part of public funding to the number of women candidates that political parties field, establishing special funds or interest-free loans for women candidates, capping expenses, and limiting the duration of campaigns~~ **adopt and implement clear incentives that make a difference in terms of political rights, electoral process and government action to work towards equality for women;**

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, including by tying part of public funding to ~~the number of women candidates~~ **the proportion of women** that political parties field, establishing special funds or interest-free loans for women candidates, capping expenses, and limiting the duration of campaigns;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, including by tying part of **the** public funding to ~~the number of~~ **of political parties** to women candidates that political parties field, establishing special funds or ~~interest-free loans for women candidates~~ **to empower women in political processes**, capping expenses, and limiting the duration of campaigns;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, including by tying part of public funding to the number of women candidates that political parties ~~field~~ **nominate**, establishing special funds or interest-free loans for women candidates, ~~capping expenses~~ **limiting or waiving statutory and other expenses for women candidates**, and limiting the duration of campaigns;

(Kenya)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to create a fairer environment for men and women candidates, including by, **but not restricted to**, tying part of public funding to the number of women candidates that political parties field, establishing special funds or interest-free loans for women candidates, capping expenses, and limiting the duration of campaigns;
- (Singapore)*

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 8bis. Recommends that parliaments adopt special measures that enable financial institutions to provide access to political financing for women candidates, including through low-interest or interest-free loans and other investment instruments aimed at empowering women in their economic life;**
- (Indonesia)*

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 8bis. Invites political parties to address all thematic areas that are essential for gender equality and the empowerment of women, and to develop comprehensive internal gender equality policies;**
- (Romania)*

Operative paragraph 9

Delete the paragraph

*(United Arab Emirates)*

Amend to read as follows:

9. ~~Further~~ *Calls on* political parties to ensure that their candidate-selection processes favour gender-balanced representation and to consider the implementation of quota systems for that purpose;
- (Indonesia)*

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 9 to read as follows:

- 9bis. Also calls on political parties to provide regular political education aimed at strengthening women's capacity and enhancing society's awareness of women's participation in political processes;**
- (Indonesia)*

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Urges* parliaments and political parties to ensure there is an equal number of women and men in leadership positions in all policy areas, ~~and all governance bodies, through transparent and fair processes, such as dual leadership and gender rotation in leadership positions~~ **while also ensuring that the balance of women and men in such positions is respectful of social, cultural and developmental considerations in their country;**
- (United Arab Emirates)*

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Urges* parliaments and political parties to ensure there is an equal number of **meritorious** women and men in leadership positions in all policy areas and all governance bodies, through transparent and fair processes, ~~such as dual leadership and gender rotation in leadership positions;~~
- (Iran (Islamic Republic of))*

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Urges* parliaments and political parties to ensure ~~there is an equal~~ **a more balanced** number of women and men in leadership positions in all policy areas and all governance bodies, through transparent and fair processes, such as dual leadership and gender rotation in leadership positions;

(Thailand)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Urges* parliaments and political parties **to do their best** to ensure there is an equal number of women and men in leadership positions in all policy areas and all governance bodies, through transparent and fair processes, such as dual leadership and gender rotation in leadership positions;

(Russian Federation)

#### Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments and political parties to support young women's political participation **through specific work programmes**, including by implementing empowerment programmes that target young women, by enabling young women both to access leadership positions and to act as role models for other young women, **and by engaging young women in programmes and training courses designed to foster and prepare them to become future leaders**;

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments and political parties to support young women's political participation, including by implementing empowerment programmes that target young women, ~~and~~ by enabling young women both to access leadership positions and to act as role models for other young women, **and by assisting young women parliamentarians to collect and process information in order to identify the nature of problems**;

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments and political parties to support young women's political participation, including by implementing empowerment programmes that target young women, and by enabling young women ~~both~~ to access leadership positions and to act as role models for other young women;

(Kenya)

#### Operative paragraph 12

Delete the paragraph and replace it with two new operative paragraphs to read as follows:

12. ~~*Urges* parliaments to adopt gender-sensitive strategies at all levels and in all spheres, including in legislation, policies and programmes, in order to achieve gender equality;~~
- 12bis. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that national strategies adopted in all spheres incorporate a gender perspective in terms of design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting, and *calls on* parliaments to promote gender-responsive legislation, policies and programmes in order to achieve gender equality;
- 12ter. *Further urges* parliaments to strongly support measures for improving the collection, analysis and dissemination of sex-disaggregated data and the development of gender indicators;

(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* parliaments to ~~adopt~~ **encourage the adoption of** gender-sensitive strategies at all levels and in all spheres, including in legislation, policies and programmes, in order to achieve gender equality;
- (Canada)*

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* parliaments to adopt gender-sensitive strategies at all levels and in all spheres **of governance**, including in legislation, policies and programmes, in order to achieve gender equality;
- (Kenya)*

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* parliaments to adopt gender-sensitive strategies at all levels and in all spheres, including in legislation, policies and programmes in order to achieve gender equality, **taking into account gender-sensitive budgeting and implementation oversight**;
- (Viet Nam)*

#### Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Calls on* parliaments to promote mechanisms to advance gender equality in the work of parliament, including **the establishment of** women's caucuses that are open to supportive men parliamentarians, parliamentary committees on gender equality that include men, and gender expertise among parliamentary staff of both sexes;
- (Kenya)*

#### New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 13 to read as follows:

- 13bis. *Invites* parliamentary standing committees to ensure that both men and women are **equally represented among the experts in committee hearings, and that there is sufficient capacity among the experts to evaluate the effects of planned legislation on gender equality**;
- (Finland)*

#### Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Invites* men and women parliamentarians to work together on the development and effective implementation of legislation and policies on ~~harassment and~~ violence against women, including in politics, and to collaborate in this endeavour with the relevant government agencies, civil society and other stakeholders, including technology companies when it comes to tackling online abuse;
- (South Africa)*

#### Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Urges* parliaments and political parties to promote an institutional culture that offers a safe and secure working environment for both men and women, including strong and well-implemented internal policies against sexist language and attitudes, ~~and sexual harassment policies with effective complaints mechanisms~~;
- (South Africa)*

New operative paragraph 16bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. Urges parliaments and political parties to adopt policies on sexual harassment, effective complaints mechanism and penalties for offenders in order to safeguard women when performing their duties;**  
(South Africa)

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 16 to read as follows:

- 16bis. Calls on parliaments and government institutions to adopt work programmes and projects designed to dissuade women from participating in terrorist acts, irrespective of whether their roles in such operations relate to recruitment, funding, providing information or any other form of involvement whatsoever;**  
(United Arab Emirates)

New operative paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. Urges parliaments to ensure that their institutions put in place the necessary framework (infrastructure, technical assistance) for disabled women, who continue to suffer from discrimination on multiple fronts, to be able to carry out their parliamentary mandate;**  
(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

- 18. Requests the IPU to support national parliaments wishing to conduct an assessment of their gender sensitivity, in line with the 2012 IPU Plan of Action for Gender-Sensitive Parliaments and its self-assessment methodology, and to increase technical assistance and support for parliaments in their efforts to enhance institutional gender sensitivity;**  
(Romania)

New operative paragraph 18bis, 18ter and 18quater

Add three new paragraphs after paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis. Further requests the IPU, in cooperation with its international partners, to develop capacity-building programmes for women parliamentarians, as part of its work towards achieving gender equality in politics;**
- 18ter. Calls on the parliamentary assemblies and parliaments participating in international election observation missions to ensure a gender-balanced composition of their delegations, and to devote particular attention to the role and participation of women in electoral processes;**
- 18quater. Calls on parliaments to enhance their engagement in the Universal Periodic Review process conducted by the UN Human Rights Council in the area of gender equality, and to ensure their countries' full cooperation with the Council's Working Group on the issue of Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice;**  
(Romania)

New operative paragraph 18bis, and 18ter

Add two new paragraphs after paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis.** *Also requests* the IPU to develop comprehensive tools and guidelines for each action area in the 2012 *IPU Plan of Action for Gender-Sensitive Parliaments* and to ensure the successful implementation of the Plan;
- 18ter.** *Further requests* the IPU to work closely on gender equality and women's empowerment with relevant UN bodies, such as UN Women, as indicated in the recent UN General Assembly Resolution 70/298 (2016) on Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

*(Thailand)*