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PANEL I

when used together CEDAW and the Platform, there is little room if any for political vagrancy and delirium about what full equality means.

Platform without CEDAW

More importantly, action taken without inclusion of substantive elements of both instruments sabotages the change process and can function ultimately to derail the

the Caribbean are being encouraged to work together, to preserve national sovereignties in struggles against illegal immigration and the assimilation of foreign persons, cultural artifacts and influences. There is the caution to remain alert to racial discrimination. What is implied is that these discriminatory factors are greater threats than sexism to the quality of life that women now enjoy. There is no urgent lobby for full-scale review of all existing laws and policies with the aim of facilitating the full erasure of gender discrimination. The ultimate tragedy of not understanding and capitalizing on the synergies of CEDAW and Beijing is that the majority of the unsecured gains

machinery to divert or dilute its attention to women's affairs without ascertaining how far their own agendas have proceeded.

Collaboration without Suicide

imbalance in their relationships with women. Attention needs to be focused on adjusting the economic, social and legal practices and policies impacting men and not pervert the discourse with the assumption that women's gains have destabilized men.

Implementation Status

Bahamian women are advancing but by all means that advancement is faGlxz(zAmTCfGOOmvmvmCmm%

be borne out by a path cut clearly by the synergies between National- level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Thank You

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