

Commission on the Status of Women
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Panel I: “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”

Summary submitted by the Moderator (Romy Tincopa)

1. At its 7th meeting, on 3 March 2005, the Commission on the Status of Women held a panel discussion followed by a dialogue on 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. The panellists were: Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Rosario G. Manalo, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Dubravka Šimonovi , Head of the Human Rights Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Croatia; The Honourable Melanie S. Griffin, Minister for Social Services and Community Development of the Bahamas; Valerie Knowles, Bahamas Family Planning Association in the Bahamas; and Sanja Sarnavka, B.a.B.e (Be active, Be emancipated) in Croatia. An

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development and peace for the twenty-first century”, and for enhanced political will to implement them. Participants called for multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approaches to achieve change towards gender equality. It was also necessary to address stereotypical attitudes, practices, cultural values and belief systems that discriminated against women. Adequate resources, including through international assistance to developing countries and support from the United Nations system, were necessary to achieve these goals and objectives, ensuring however the optimal use of limited resources, both human and financial. There was also a need for enhanced solidarity between women in