

Forty-ninth session

From 7 to 10 Feb of this year, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) convened a meeting of experts from different sections of civil society concerned with gender equality and

recommendations of MDG Task Force 3 for addressing critical gaps in the MDGs, particularly sexual and reproductive rights and health, violence against women and women's access to economic rights and opportunities. We commended also the excellent work carried out by Task Force 4, its analysis of the power relations and health systems as key elements for addressing women's health and well-being.

The challenge we set ourselves as a group was to spell out some of the ways in which the mutual linkages between the Beijing Platform and the MDGs could be operationalized. The Group made recommendations under four key el

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promises. It seemed to us that the MDGs, if interpreted from a gender perspective, could promote the transition from promises to implementation but that this would require the necessary