

Much effort has been devoted over a number of years to strengthen the links between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women so that these close linkages might be reflected in policy a

national level, impede successful gender mainstreaming, and system-wide resources for gender mainstreaming are woefully insufficient. The aim is now to bring coherence and coordination into the work of the United Nations system and to develop a system-wide action plan for gender mainstreaming.

Madam Chairperson,
Distinguished experts,

Since your last meeting, deliberations continued about United Nations reform in different fora and with the participation of a range of actors, who have contributed new, or refined previously presented ideas and suggestions, in particular about the so-called gender architecture. I had the pleasure to brief you at your last session and I understand that your Committee will explore related aspects further at this session. I am at your disposal to contribute in any way you see fit.

I wish you success in your deliberations during the next three weeks and pledge the full support of my Office in facilitating your tasks.

Thank you.
