

Commission on the Status of Women

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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and initiatives in critical areas of equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS

Caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS and recognizing and valuing unpaid care work

Moderator's summary

1. On 12 March 2013, the Commission on the Status of Women held an interactive dialogue to review progress in implementing the agreed conclusions on the theme "Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS" adopted by the Commission at its fifty-third session in 2009 (E/2009/27/CN.6/2009/15, chap. I, s

Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and Ms. Paz Lopez, Technical Adviser, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), Mexico, served, respectively, as discussants for the two segments. Representatives from 10 member States, one intergovernmental organization and

6. Participants cited progress in the area of ensuring equal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for both men and women. Countries have implemented various campaigns and initiatives to encourage HIV testing and early diagnosis.

inequalities with only selected groups provided for, leaving out women at the grass roots level.

15. Throughout the discussions, participants acknowledged that while caregiving is of great value to society, it still remains socially and economically unrecognized,

caregiving networks through earmarked budgets and seats in planning and decision making bodies that design and fund community development and social service programmes for people living with HIV or affected by AIDS;

(c) Increase public and private financing to enable caregiving networks and alliances to undertake income-generating, health, savings and credit initiatives; build capacity for organizing and leadership development and conduct accountability and transparency initiatives related to HIV and health budgets;

(d) Document, disseminate and share learning from good practice and existing service models, including those that encourage and engage men to share in caregiving responsibilities, and ensure better gender-sensitive research and data collection to use in advocacy and awareness-raising as well as to improve the

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