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Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the  
Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

ISSUES PAPER

I. Introduction

1. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to issues relating to the status of women. It was established in 1946 as the Commission on the Position and Status of Women (CPSW) and was renamed in 1995. The Commission is the only global body that has a mandate to monitor and report on the progress of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for women and girls.

II. Background

2. The Commission has a long history of work on women's rights and the status of women. It has been instrumental in the development of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1979, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995, and the Millennium Development Goals in 2000. The Commission has also been instrumental in the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015.

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