



It is fitting that in this year, the 15 year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, now institutional arrangements for the advancement of gender equality have

been put in place at the highest level, the United Nations. CANZ applauds the establishment of UN Women. UN Women

is the first UN entity dedicated exclusively to gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. It is also the first UN entity to have its own budget, and will be able to work directly with governments, civil society, and other UN agencies to support the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

UN Women's mandate is to promote gender equality and empower women. It will work to ensure that women enjoy平等 opportunities in all areas of life, including political participation, economic development, education, health, and law enforcement.

UN Women will also work to combat violence against women, and to promote women's rights in the workplace and in the family. It will also work to promote women's participation in peacekeeping operations and in conflict resolution processes.

UN Women will be headquartered in New York City, and will have offices in Geneva, Paris, and Nairobi. It will also have representation in other parts of the world, including Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

UN Women will be funded through contributions from member states, and from other sources such as foundations and NGOs. It will also receive funding from the UN Development Programme and the UN Population Fund.

UN Women will be responsible for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and will work to ensure that the principles of the platform are upheld. It will also work to promote the principles of resolution 1325, which calls for the protection of women in conflict situations.

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Mr. Chairperson,

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to further strengthen the role of women in
the security Council's resolutions on women
and peace and security.