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### **EXPERTS MEET TO ADDRESS FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

**Preparation underway for the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**New York, August 31, 2007-** The United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women will convene an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to discuss financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women. The meeting, hosted by the Government of Norway, will be held in Oslo, Norway from 4 to 7 September 2007. The findings of the meeting will assist the Commission on the Status of Women in formulating policy recommendations on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women, which will be the priority theme of its 52<sup>nd</sup> session, to be held at UN Headquarters in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008.

The meeting will stimulate thinking on how to more effectively incorporate gender perspectives into financial mechanisms and processes, and increase resources for promoting gender equality. The experts will consider experiences and approaches that have proven successful, as well as new challenges and emerging trends.

Experts will explore the mechanisms of financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Among the issues to be discussed are public finance, including the impact and challenges of gender-responsive budgets and other fiscal policies designed to stimulate gender equality, and steps to ensure that