





appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and this meeting also provided inputs to the preparation of the work programme. The Division would like to express its appreciation to the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations for hosting the expert consultation.

Under agenda item 3 on Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, the Commission has before it a number of reports and conference room papers. The joint work plan of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is contained in document E/CN.6/2006/9. The Commission has also before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (E/CN.6/2006/4); the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (E/CN.6/2006/5); and release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflict (E/CN.6/2006/6).

The report of the Secretary-General, in document E/CN.6/2004/2, reviews progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes. The Commission has also before it the report of the Secretary-General on economic advancement for women (E/CN.6/2006/7) which examines issues relating to the status of women in the labour market. [The report draws on responses from Member States and on inputs from entities of the United Nations system on actions taken to support the efforts of Member States to promote economic advancement for women.]

A report on the Thirty-Fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination is before the Commission for its information (E/CN.6/2006/CRP1). The Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Rosario G. Manalo, will brief you in more detail on the Committee’s work.

The report of the Secretary-General on the advisability of the appointment of a special Rapporteur on laws that discriminate women (E/CN.6/2006/8) presents an overview of international human rights instruments, obligations and mechanisms -1.15 Td(The report

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continued implementation of the project on “Enhancing the capacity of national machineries through the effective use of ICT” in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA. [A panel discussion organized during the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis in November 2005 discussed the need for a regional e-network of national machineries in Africa and presented a framework for future action by national machineries to ensure effective utilization of ICT to advance their goals.]

