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**Expert Consultation on Regional Perspectives in the Implementation of the
Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome of the Twenty-Third Special Session
of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: Gender Equality,
Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century”**

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The Division for the Advancement of Women is convening an expert consultation on Regional Perspectives in the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: Gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century” to be held at United Nations in New York, from 5 to 7 May 2004.

I. Background

A review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

Division for the Advancement of Women. Review and appraisal will also be carried out at regional level. The regional processes will utilize regional action plans, national reports to regional bodies and the outcomes of expert group meetings and other activities at regional level.

II. Objectives

The main purpose of the expert consultation is to discuss the achievements, gaps and challenges in relation to the implementation of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, as part of the preparatory process for the forty-ninth session of the CSW in March 2005.

III. Methods of Work

The expert consultation will work in plenary session and in smaller working groups. Following discussion of the individual presentations by the experts and the Secretariat responsible for preparing the Review and Appraisal for 2005, the experts will work in a closed meeting to prepare a short report highlighting the main findings and recommendations. The individual perspectives and the overall report will be presented on the third day at an open meeting for Member States, representatives of UN entities, academia and non-governmental organizations.