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Letter of Invitation

Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women: 1 to 12 March 2010

Friday, October 16, 2009

Dear NGO Community,

You are invited to attend the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held from 1 to 12 March 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Commission will conduct a review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, emphasizing the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

As your organization has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), or was accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 and/or the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly in 2000, you are eligible to participate in this session.

All NGO representatives must pre-register in order to attend the session. To do so, please follow these steps:

1. Go to www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw54/register (use the username and password contained in the email message that directed you to this letter)
2. Update your organizations profile
3. Pre-register your representatives
4. Download the confirmation letter for each participant that you pre-register. Kindly note that participants will be required to show their confirmation letter for on-site registration.

Although there is no deadline for pre-registration, NGOs are encouraged to pre-register early. Technical assistance for any pre-registration-related matters cannot be guaranteed in the three weeks leading up to the session.

The United Nations will not facilitate arrangements, or pay for any costs, such as travel, visa or accommodation expenses, for participants. Such arrangements and costs are the exclusive responsibility of the participants. The United Nations does not charge fees for participation in the Commission on the Status of Women sessions.

Please note that participants are required to submit their visa applications with the United States' authorities at least three (3) months in advance of the session to allow sufficient time for processing. The United Nations will not send copies of invitation letters or confirmation letters to U.S. embassies.

Additional information about the session, its organization of work, meetings and documentation, may be obtained from www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/54sess.

Yours sincerely,



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