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The General Assembly,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹

Recalling also its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling further its resolution 62/277 of 15 September 2008 on system-wide coherence,

Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,² the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,³ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁴

Reaffirming the importance of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

Recalling the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with resolution 62/208 and other relevant resolutions,

Having considered the discussion notes on ‘Further details on institutional options for strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women’ of 5 March 2009, on ‘Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence’ of 15 April 2009 and on ‘Strengthening the system-wide funding architecture of operational activities of the United Nations for development’ of 3 May 2009, which the Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of the Secretary-General, provided to the President of the General Assembly in response to a request from Member States,

1. Strengthening the institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women

1. Strongly supports the consolidation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, into a composite entity, taking into account the existing mandates;

2. Supports that the composite entity shall be led by an Under-Secretary-General, who will report directly to the Secretary-General, to be appointed by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, on the basis of equitable geographical representation and gender balance;

¹ See resolution 60/1.
³ Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.
⁴ Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.