



MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE MÉXICO

**Intervention of Mexico in the closure of the sixty-third session of the  
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63)**

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Thank you Madame President:

Mexico is pleased to join consensus in the outcome document of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the CSW.

A week ago, Mexico announced, in this same room, that our country will host, next year, the Global Forum to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beijing Conference, along with France, with the full conviction that gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, in all their diversity, are fundamental to have fair, sustainable and peaceful societies.

Dear Colleagues, let's think for a moment: what would happen if today, like 25 years ago, we were negotiating the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: we would not have reached the agreements captured in those documents.

We have to find the way to make the CSW converge with CEDAW, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and all others Human Rights Treaties. In this regard, we express our deepest concern for doing not enough at CSW to address the expectations and

needs of millions of women and girls, around the world, who count on us and believe in our pledge that no one will be left behind, because women's rights are human rights, and human rights are universal.

In Mexico, the agreed conclusions of CSW are translated into guidelines for public policies and legal frameworks that allow us to fight against discrimination, inequality, exclusion, segregation and gender-based violence.

In this specific meeting, we noted with concern the lack of better and stronger agreements that could help us ensure gender-responsive social protection systems, for women and girls, access to public services, and sustainable infrastructure. A universal minimum floor for social protection is required, under conditions of equality, to overcome all the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination that women may face.

Gender based violence occurs in all spheres, including public and private, and unfortunately it´s a reality in many households. It is really concerning that knowing the alarming data, we haven´t been able to address decisively the problem.

Mexico expresses its commitment with the Buenos Aires Declaration, an input to the negotiations of the agreed conclusions, that refers to the strategy of Latin American region to continue advancing the gender equality agenda and that fully express the priorities of our region, in line with General Recommendations of CEDAW. It also emphasizes the importance of sexual and reproductive health, as a basic element for women's physical autonomy.

Ambassador Koki Muli Grignon, we thank you for your hard work, long nights and efforts as facilitator of the negotiations for this agreed conclusions, and we express our deepest solidarity for the situation of harassment you have recently experienced. For my country, any form of violence is unacceptable. We wish to express our gratitude to you and all the members of your team and of UN Women, for the results achieved. We also thank the chair of the commission for conducting our work appropriately and for the support of the Irish delegation.

Mexico is experiencing a deep democratic and peaceful transformation, based on principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and inclusion of all women, because we know that without fully engaging them, any ethic and fair transformation would be possible; authentic social progress of the 21st century goes through full equality between men and women.

Mexico will continue to promote key priorities in advancing the access to social protection systems, public services, including quality education and health services for the safe delivery of sexual and reproductive health and rights, sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, in all their diversity.

Thank you.