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Subject: **Petition for a UN 5th World Conference on Womensignatures by March 1, 2010**
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Let's geometrically progress the number of signatures by March 1, 2010. With just one emailing, over 2000 signed. The Secretary-General of the UN is expected to announce the new head of the women's "super-agency" in March at the Commission on the Status of Women. The theme of the 2010 UN CSW is "Beijing + 15". The review will show the need for another international conference of women and NGOs focusing on women and girls, let's call for a 5WCW instead of Beijing +20!

There is a whole generation who were not old enough to attend the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995. They need to be inspired, connected with each other and mentored. Plus the new women's super agency could be put on the map through this conference. The world needs empowered women in sufficient numbers to be a critical mass. So I continue to be a drum-beater. If you have signed this already, please send it to out further with your endorsement. Help me with this cause!

With love and hope in this holiday season,
Jean

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Shinoda Bolen".

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GEAR UPDATE

53rd Commission on the Status of Women March 2009

At the conclusion of the last session of the General Assembly in September 2008, Member States adopted a resolution by consensus requesting the Secretary General to develop a paper on institutional options for the new gender entity, addressing the identified gaps and challenges of the current United Nations system. The modalities paper, as it is known, was made available at the closing of the 53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on Friday March 13, 2009, and presents all four Options initially outlined in a previous DSG paper including A) the status quo, B) an autonomous fund/programme, C) a department and D) the composite. The paper assesses the ability of each option to fulfill the functions previously outlined in the DSG's papers (August 1, 2007; July 23, 2008) with a particular focus on the composite entity (option D). The GEAR Campaign still favors the composite option with meaningful participation of civil society and an ambitiously funded entity, led by an Under-Secretary General. The GEAR believes that the Composite entity would retain the best elements of the four women's organizations of the UN, while significantly increasing funding, strengthening country level and policy-setting work, and creating a position of Under-Secretary General to lead the new body with further emphasis on civil society participation.

This year's CSW took place in New York from March 2-13, 2009. It provided a unique opportunity for advocates to come together and build support for strengthening the UN system in its ability to deliver concrete and meaningful results for women around the world. CWGL and WEDO as co-facilitators of the GEAR Campaign, co-hosted two strategy meetings with the Campaign Working Group Regional and Global Focal Points including, African's Women Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW), Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Foundation for Studies and Research on Women (FEIM), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), South Asian Campaign for Gender Equality (SACGE)/SAATHI, and WIDE - Globalising Gender Equality and Social Justice along with a number of other organizations in the New York Lobbying Group, (for a complete list of the WG, visit http://gear.collectivex.com/uploads/files/x/000/017/033/March_2009_GEAR_Campaign_Working_Group.pdf). The GEAR WG also sponsored a workshop during the first week of the CSW where focal points spoke about GEAR activities in the region and challenges they face in country (for photos of the workshop, visit <http://gear.collectivex.com/gallery/6722>). Furthermore, the GEAR team lobbied delegates in New York permanent missions, spoke with governments, and promoted the campaign in regional and thematic caucuses at CSW.

The Linkage Caucus, which has its roots in organizing for the 1995 Beijing Conference and convened by CWGL and WEDO, met four times during the CSW and spurred advocacy about gender architecture within the UN system (to view a video of the Linkage Caucus, visit <http://gear.collectivex.com/main/summary>). This year the Caucus launched a GEAR petition calling for the

creation of a new women's entity at the UN as well as for meaningful civil society participation to be integrated into all stages of its development and functioning (to sign the petition, visit <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/GEAR>).

During the CSW, the Secretary General convened an important and long awaited meeting on "System Wide Coherence," where he introduced a new paper outlining options for the structure and governance of a new women's entity, and where he endorsed the Composite (or hybrid) option, our preferred of all four options, as "the most promising." Early this month, the H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann appointed H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende and H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo, Permanent Representatives of Namibia and of Spain respectively to co-chair the General Assembly consultations on the System-Wide Coherence process. Both co-chairs spoke at the meetings and shared their support for moving the SWC process forward.

Finally, the CSW adopted Agreed Conclusions late Friday evening, March 13, 2009, after arduous negotiations. Gender architecture reform advocates were pleased to note two paragraphs in the final Agreed Conclusions that support the process moving forward and the need to coordinate to address under resourcing for gender equality in the UN system (item 14 and item 15h) (to view the Agreed Conclusions, visit <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw53/AC%20adopted%2013%20March%20advance%20unedited%20version.pdf>).

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autonomy). Until the weekend before the General Assembly supported this, it
looked as if it (GEAR) might not happen. But it did. Now there will be an
agency that could sponsor a UN 5WCW to implement the documents already in
place and not touch them, The theme of the 2010 CSW is Beijing + 15.
Since implementation is far from done, to call for a 5WCW instead of Beijing
+20 would seem like the obvious thing to do. There is a whole generation
who was not old enough to attend Beijing, who need to be infused, inspired
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With warm best wishes this holiday season,
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