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NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva announces Civil Society Consultation

Geneva, Switzerland, 10 October 2024 - The NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva (NGO CSW Geneva is proud to announce the upcoming United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Beijing+30 Civil Society Consultation, to be held 19-20 October 2024 in Geneva. Bringing together NGO CSW Geneva member organizations, member states, and other stakeholders, the consultation will offer a comprehensive review of the UNECE progress related to the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) and its 12 Critical Areas of Concern.

The NGO CSW Geneva and its honored guest speakers will present reflections on the progress of the BPfA, identify challenges, and offer participants actionable resources for driving positive change for women and girls in the UNECE region. "The event will unite the voices of women and girls across the UNECE region and ensure that their concerns are addressed as governments review their commitments," says Carolyn Handschin-Moser, President of NGO CSW Geneva.

One of the cornerstones of this consultation is the participation of civil society representatives from all 56 UNECE countries. These representatives contributed to Working Groups that focused on one of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern outlined in the BPfA. Each Working Group produced detailed 1,000-word statements outlining civil society's concerns, achievements, gaps, and challenges, accompanied by short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations for action.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to engage with leading civil society representatives from across the UNECE region, contribute to discussions on the pressing challenges facing women today, and play a pivotal role in shaping the advocacy agenda for the future. The event will feature expert-led working groups, providing actionable recommendations to governments, UN bodies, and the private sector.

NGO CSW Geneva invites registration here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLkXD_nLcxjFZerUzNYuSas0QlJGAjqvSI4G7zQx93C9-LDQ/viewform

About NGO CSW Geneva:
For 50 years, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva has worked to promote gender equality and the advancement of all women and girls. Our member organizations share a vision of elevating and improving the lives of women and girls, in a world where women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, having an equal voice in creating strong, healthy and peaceful communities.

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