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To: NFA Presidents and Coordinators of International Relations, and GWI Members

From: GWI Headquarters

Subject: **Call for Delegates to the 70th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York, 9 to 20 March 2026**

Graduate Women International (GWI) is pleased to announce the Call for Applications for official delegates to represent GWI at the **70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)**, to be held at the **United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March 2026**.

The CSW70 **priority theme** is:

Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.

The CSW70 **review theme** is:

Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-fifth session).

Each CSW session, non-governmental organizations, such as GWI, who maintain consultative status to the Economic and Social Council are granted a limited number of official delegate

accreditations for the United Nations (UN Women) segment of CSW. The Civil Society Forum is a separate session and has unlimited space for in person and online delegates.

As per UN Women, a maximum of **20 in-person individual delegates** will be selected as UN delegates. The GWI Board of Officers will select delegates based on the following criteria:

- Each candidate must have the full endorsement of their NFA President or Coordinator of International Relations (CIR). The link to the **CSW70 Candidate Endorsement Form**, signed by the President or CIR, is below and must accompany the delegate application.
- Deep understanding of GWI's mission and vision.
- Commitment to attend daily CSW70 side events and parallel events as a GWI delegate.
- Willingness to prepare short written summaries of sessions attended, including photos where possible.
- Demonstrated experience with advocacy work related to GWI is considered an asset.

Eligibility:

Only applicants who meet the above criteria and whose **NFA 2025 dues are paid in full** will be considered.

GWI strongly encourages all members to participate in the **CSW NGO Forum**, organized by the Committee on the Status, New York, which will be held **in person and virtually** alongside the UN Women sessions held inside the UN campus. Further details on Forum registration will be shared when announced by CSW New York.

Please click here to download the CSW70 Delegate Application:

https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CSW70-Delegate-Application-FINAL_C.docx

Please click here to download the CSW70 Delegate Endorsement Form:

<https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CSW70-Candidate-Endorsement-Form-FINAL.docx>

A number of delegate spaces will be reserved for members of NFAs presenting CSW70 side or parallel events and/or for GWI visiting panel experts. Priority will be given to members who are willing to attend in person for at least five days and who indicate the highest level of motivation to participate on behalf of GWI.

Members who are interested in participating as part of GWI's delegation must submit an official delegate CSW70 Application Form and CSW70 Candidate Endorsement Form. Both forms must be emailed to the GWI Office to sdl@graduatewomen.org no later than **21 November 2025** at **midnight Central European Time (CET)**. This deadline must be strictly enforced to meet UN Women registration deadlines and to give selected candidates who need a United States of America visa time to process their application.

*****Please include in the subject line of your email: GWI CSW70 Delegate Application*****

Respectfully, GWI cannot fund delegate travel, accommodation, subsistence, visa, other costs association the CSW70 in New York. We can provide letter of visa or letter of funding support as requested to sdl@graduatewomen.org.

We look forward to receiving your application.