

**1999/16. System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002–2005**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1996/34 of 25 July 1996 on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996–2001, in which it called for a new draft plan to cover the period 2002–2005,

*Considering* that the new draft plan should take into consideration the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on progress achieved in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action,<sup>21</sup>

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to formulate the plan for the period 2002–2005 in two phases, a first phase consisting of an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system and of the obstacles encountered and lessons learned from the present plan and the system-wide process of implementation, and a second phase consisting of a new plan that reflects the growing emphasis on action and delivery;

2. *Decides* that the assessment should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on the Status of Women in 2000 and that the new plan for the period 2002–2005 should be submitted to the Council through the Commission in 2001.

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