

October 17, 2019

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Dear Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka:

We, the undersigned, are members of global civil society and grassroots movements dedicated to ending all forms of male violence and discrimination against women and girls.

We are writing you in order to express our extreme concern about the decision-making process of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action ([BPfA](#))ⁱ or the Generation Equality Forumⁱⁱ (Beijing+25/Generation Equality Forum) that led to:

- the selection of the twenty-one membersⁱⁱⁱ of the Civil Society Advisory Group to the Core Group in preparation for the Generation Equality Forum (the “Group of 21”). (Annex A)
- the selection of civil society organizing partners for the regional reviews of the Beijing Platform for Action, reportedly, which includes the Women’s Major Group, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)^{iv}, and FEMNET.^v
- a strong majority of both groups above comprising individuals, organizations or networks who view prostitution as a form of labour; consider the sex trade as a viable employer and a basis for economic migration for women; and call for decriminalizing the sex trade, including the purchase of sexual acts, all in violation of international law and fundamental principles of feminism and human rights,^{vi} including, but not limited to, CEDAW^{vii}, the Palermo Protocol^{viii} and the 1949 Convention.^{ix} (Annex B)

The global women's rights movement is a particularly large and diverse movement, operating in a world still deeply marked by sex, gender, racial and socio-economic inequalities, and under the weight of patriarchy. The feminist movement is also characterized by an acute lack of financial investments in it and overall by significant political and social marginalization. Consequently, compared to other social movements, the global women's rights movement remains primarily excluded from global institutionalized decision-making processes, especially within the United Nations and its agencies.

The exception to this state of affairs are NGOs and networks, representative of a strain of feminism known as "neo-liberal" and financially supported by like-minded foundations, international development and public health sectors, and which have been well integrated into UN institutional, decision-making processes. The majority membership of the “Group of 21” and the Beijing+25 civil society regional conveners belong to this category.

It is striking to note that :

- Only 134 individuals, from less than 40 countries applied to join the “Group of 21”.
- Among them, 22 citizens from the USA, 10 from Kenya, 8 from India, 6 from Cameroon, 5 from Nigeria, 5 from Australia, 5 from the UK, 5 from France, 5 from Mexico.
- 15% of applicants come from the USA.
- More than 50% of applicants come from 9 countries only, mainly English-speaking.

The selection process of the “Group of 21”, run by the UN Women-convened NGO-CSW/NY, has thus clearly **failed, advertently or inadvertently, to engage in outreach and mobilization of a broad and diverse representation of the global women’s rights movement, including sex trade survivor-led networks.** (Annex C)

While deeply troubled, the undersigned are not surprised by this result given that the dominant position among the “Group of 21” and the regional conveners is that prostitution is a form of labour (“sex work”) and an exception to systemic violence and discrimination against women. Indeed, most among **these groups have in common a dedicated history of promoting the sex trade for vulnerable women** and reject that any links exist between the sex trade, including prostitution and pornography, and sex trafficking. **We, the undersigned, emphatically reject the term “sex work,” a euphemism for prostitution.** Prostitution is neither “sex,” nor “work,” but one of the most egregious forms of male violence and sexual violence, bodily invasion, and a barrier to equality. We call for laws that decriminalize prostituted women and mandate the provision of services, while holding their perpetrators, including sex buyers and exploiters, accountable for the harm they cause. (Annex D)

The current results of these decision-making processes have **severe consequences for the deliberative and participatory framework of the Generation Equality Forum, as well as for the thematic^x content of the Forum discussions** to be structured around Action Coalitions.

In the past and in this new context of the Beijing +25/Generation Equality Forum, **several of our NGOs have already been silenced and prevented, by the facilitators of the regional reviews, to include their recommendations in draft documents. (Annex E). A successful and impactful Beijing +25/Generation Equality Forum requires a fair, transparent and democratic process.**

The undersigned NGOs therefore urgently call on UN Women, France and Mexico to amend the composition of the “Group of 21” and co-assign regional representatives of the Generation Equality Forum in order to ensure fair and equal representation of the diversity of global civil society dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls.

Respectfully yours,

THE UNDERSIGNED

cc: United Nations Secretary General António Guterres

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Patience	Tiba	Kwanele	Member	South Africa
and 584 members of Kwanele Survivor Network				
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The Composition of the “Group of 21” is Not the Result of a Fair, Transparent or Neutral Selection Process.

The governance structure of the Beijing+25/Generation Equality Forum declares that the processes it oversees are inclusive and representative of global civil society. However, the results of these deliberations to date indicate otherwise.

UN Women tasked the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO CSW/NY) to organize and self-select^{xi} the “Group of 21” from a reported slate of 134 applicants allegedly stemming from a diverse group of civil society members globally. The outreach mechanisms inviting civil society members to join the pool of applicants are nebulous. The leadership of NGO CSW/NY appears to have excluded from the process a number of civil society groups, including women from underrepresented constituencies, rural women, faith-based organizations, sex trade survivors, and abolitionist advocates and networks.

In examining the membership of the “Group of 21,” we note that the overwhelming majority of the individuals, and/or the NGOs and networks to which they are attached, have in common a dedicated history of promoting the sex trade, including prostitution, as a form of labour and of emphatically rejecting that any links exist between the sex trade and sex trafficking^{xii}.

Documented evidence also shows that the majority of the “Group of 21” engage in efforts urging governments to enact laws that fully decriminalize the sex trade, including decriminalizing the demand for prostitution (men who purchase sexual access to women), as well as the promoters and exploiters of the sex trade. They have ties, working relationships and collaborations with networks that include individuals with financial or other interests in the sex trade. (See Annex B)

ANNEX B

A significant majority of the “Group of 21” and Regional Conveners of the Generation Equality Forum have a dedicated history of promoting the sex trade

A number of organizations represented in the “Group of 21” are affiliated with the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP).^{xiii} Among NSWP’s stated core values are the acceptance of prostitution as “work” and opposition to any legal framework that holds accountable any aspect of the sex trade, including patronizers, managers and owners of commercial sex establishments and other third-party exploiters, and profiteers of the exploitation of prostitution.^{xiv} In other words, they collectively support the legalization and decriminalization of the sex trade.

One of the NSWP’s former vice-presidents is Alejandra Gil, who co-chaired the UNAIDS ‘Advisory Group on HIV and Sex Work.’^{xv} By its own account, NSWP^{xvi} coordinated a global response to the 2007 “UNAIDS Guidance Note on HIV and Sex Work,” advocating successfully with UNAIDS to publish recommendations that included the enactment of laws that would in effect help the sex trade flourish.^{xvii} Ms. Gil was the president of the Mexican NGO Aproase, an active NSWP member.^{xviii} In that capacity, the Mexican government investigated Ms. Gil on alleged charges of promoting prostitution and facilitating human trafficking. Also known as the “Madam of Sullivan,” named for a neighborhood in Mexico City where prostitution rings flourish, Ms. Gil was convicted of sex trafficking and is currently serving a 15-year sentence in Mexico.^{xix}

A 2012 World Health Organisation (WHO) report^{xx}, which also calls for the decriminalization of the sex trade as a means to combat HIV/AIDS, personally acknowledges Alejandra Gil as one of the experts who worked on the report.

Another member of the NSWP^{xxi} is AMMAR (Asociación de Mujeres Meretrices de Argentina). Maria “Malu” Lopez, a leader in AMMAR and the Latin American network, RedTraSex^{xxii}, which each promotes full decriminalization of prostitution, was also charged and convicted of trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation in 2018 in Argentina.^{xxiii} The NSWP and a number of its members, including AMMAR, are equally known for promoting prostitution as a “profession” among adolescents under 18 years of age.^{xxiv}

The links between the sex trade and sex trafficking

The prevention and protection of women and girls from the systems of prostitution and one of its engines, sex trafficking, touches on each of the critical thematic areas and the cross-cutting scheme of the BPfA.

Strategic Objective D.3. of the BPfA calls on Member States to “...assist victims of violence due to prostitution and trafficking. To [...] Take appropriate measures to address the root factors, including external factors, that encourage trafficking in women and girls for prostitution and other forms of commercialized sex, [...] Strengthen the implementation of all relevant human rights instruments in order to combat and eliminate, [...] and provide legal and social services to the victims; this should include provisions for international cooperation to prosecute and punish those responsible for organized exploitation of women...”^{xxv}

Furthermore, Strategic Objective C.2. of the BPfA states that to strengthen preventive programmes that promote women's health, Member states should "...*(q) Adopt specific preventive measures to protect women, youth and children from any abuse - sexual abuse, exploitation, trafficking and violence, for example - including the formulation and enforcement of laws, and provide legal protection and medical and other assistance.*"^{xxvi}

The majority of members of the "Group of 21" argue that the sex trade and sex trafficking are separate and distinct from each other. This is a contention that is not supported in law or in practice. The sex trade, including prostitution, is where sex trafficking occurs. The sex trade and sex trafficking are linked, *inter alia*, by the means exploiters use and the indifference of sex buyers as to how the women and girls they purchase landed in the sex trade, sex trafficked or not, minors or not.

The legalization or decriminalization of the sex trade expands the demand for prostitution. The only way the exploitative global sex trade machinery sustains itself is through the means of sex trafficking and the revenues from the men who purchase sexual acts.

The efforts of the "Group of 21" in advising the Generation Equality Forum on drivers that promote gender equality and women's rights must not include calling on governments to develop legal, cultural and educational structures that allow perpetrators and systems of exploitation that destroy women's lives to operate with impunity. We fear that the current composition of the "Group of 21" membership will, on this matter, support laws and policies that are antithetical to the BPfA's stated goals.

Instead, the "Group of 21" must urge Member States to fulfil their commitments to implement the BPfA's plan to address trafficking and prostitution: enact laws and policies that end the criminalization of prostituted women; hold accountable their perpetrators, including sex buyers; and ensure that systems of prevention, protection, comprehensive services, educational, legal and other measures, are in place to promote women's rights.

To compound these concerns, we have reason to assess that NGO CSW/NY's leadership could have contributed to the deliberate exclusion of certain civil society individuals and groups who do not agree with this ideology promoting the prostitution of women as labour.

ANNEX C

The Role of the Leadership of NGO CSW/NY and UN Women in Selection Process of the “Group of 21”

Upon inquiries to UN Women about its role in the Generation Equality Forum selection process of the “Group of 21,” UN Women claims independence and no responsibility in such decision-making. That may be the case, but UN Women is not immune to scrutiny as to its position on the legalization or decriminalization of the sex trade, which casts doubt on its assertions of neutrality.

Certain members of the Advisory Working Group who volunteered to form the selection committee deciding the membership of the “Group of 21” have served in the leadership of the NGO CSW/NY and have a history of endorsing the notion that prostitution is a form of labour and ignoring its links to sex trafficking. For instance, prior to the CSW59 in 2015, the NGO CSW/NY Coordinating Committee incorporated the terminology of “sex work” in their *Guide for NGOs and Women’s Human Rights Activists at the UN and CSW* (the Handbook).^{xxvii}

Many of the undersigned below sent a letter of protest to UN Women and the NGO CSW/NY Coordinating Committee, expressing deep concern about references to “sex work” in a forum dedicated to realizing equality for women and girls. The Handbook characterized “sex work” as a “form of employment or income-generating activity [...], recognized as real work.”^{xxviii}

Again, prior to the CSW60 session, the same NGO CSW/NY leadership not only re-included the notion of “sex work” in the 2016 Handbook, but also added erroneous definitions of “prostitution,” and “sex trafficking.”^{xxix} Only after a second round of protests from around the world, were the inaccurate definitions removed from the Handbook.

We thus find it difficult to conclude that the constitution of the “Group of 21” is the result of coincidence or of neutral decision-making by NGO CSW/NY.

The Role of UN Women in the Beijing+25 Process and its Position on the Exploitation of Prostitution

As the convener of the Beijing+25 processes and the Generation Equality Forum, UN Women has significant influence in overseeing and collaborating with civil society. No evidence has yet come to our attention that would lead us to assume otherwise. Despite claims to the contrary, we question whether UN Women would in fact relinquish all input into the deliberative processes guiding the Generation Equality Forum, the regional consultations and by extension, the selection of the “Group of 21.”

In October 2013, UN Women distributed via email from its New York headquarters, a position paper supporting the full decriminalization of the sex trade.^{xxx}

Since that date, many of the undersigned, have urged and continue to urge UN Women to either officially reject this call for full decriminalization of prostitution, or to issue an official statement of neutrality, citing international law and human rights principles.^{xxxix} These requests were also submitted to the UN Secretary-General's office and the Office of Legal Affairs for their respective assistance in this matter, with no resolution recorded to date

We have reason to believe that there is a link between UN Women's reluctance or refusal to address the "unofficial" Note for the past six years and the selection of the advisory groups, including the membership of the "Group of 21," and the selections of partnering civil society groups leading civil society participation in regional forums and consultations for the Beijing+25 processes.

Member States have already allowed a number of UN agencies, which are supported by Member State funding, including UNAIDS, the International Labour Organization (ILO), UNFPA, UNDP, and others, to defy international law by promoting the sex trade as a viable employer for the most disenfranchised women, and for the incalculable profit of traffickers and other exploiters. Member States must not allow UN Women to follow suit.

As a convener of the Generation Equality Forum and the champion of the Beijing+25 review, UN Women has an enshrined responsibility to understand and address the full spectrum of violence and discrimination against women and girls on the basis of sex, its causes and consequences. We therefore continue to urge UN Women, the original guardian of CEDAW and that of the BPfA, not to join these agencies in ignoring ratified treaties and betraying its obligations. Women and girls around the world cannot lose UN Women as a defender of their fundamental human rights.

ANNEX D

We, the Undersigned, Emphatically Reject the Term and Notion of “Sex Work.”

We, the undersigned, have decades of experience in promoting the rights of women and girls, including the right *not* to be prostituted in the global multi-billion-dollar sex trade. We have the firm conviction that any efforts to end male violence and discrimination against women and girls can never be achieved if the most vulnerable among them are set aside to be bought and sold in the sex trade with impunity.

We call for the abolition of the sex trade, including prostitution, just as we call for the abolition of female genital mutilation, sex-based discriminatory laws, girl marriage, domestic violence and all other forms of gender-based violence and discrimination that lead to the extinction of women’s and girls’ rights to equality and ultimately to femicide.

A significant number of this letter’s signatories are survivors of the sex trade, women who can testify to the unspeakable violence, suffering and dehumanization they have endured in systems of prostitution, regardless of the legal framework on prostitution their respective countries have adopted.

The overwhelming majority of persons who purchase sexual acts are men and the overwhelming majority of the purchased individuals in the sex trade are women and girls, clearly indicating a system predicated on gender-based inequalities, patriarchy, abuse of power and positions of acute vulnerabilities. Prostitution therefore personifies male dominance, control, sexual access to and sexual violence toward women and girls who bear low socio-economic and racial status in society. The purchase of that control, either with money or goods, therefore cannot create consent.

Based on survivors’ testimonies and front-line service providers who work with prostituted women globally, the pervasive physical, sexual, and emotional abuse that is inherent to the sex trade, including prostitution, is not and will never be an exception to the gender-based violence described above.

Coined in the United States in the 1970s by individuals with financial interests in the sex trade and its promoters^{xxxii}, the idea of “sex work” mainstreams and masks the inherent and pervasive harms of the sex trade, including prostitution.

“Sex work” is not a term or concept defined or embedded in international law or human rights principles. It is incompatible with the rights of women to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.^{xxxiii} It is incompatible with established legal understanding of workers’ rights and decent work.^{xxxiv} Prostitution is not, has never been, nor will ever be “work.”

As to whether the intentions of the “Group of 21” are to protect the rights of women surviving the sex trade, it should be clear that the human rights of prostituted women are as inherent, universal and inalienable to them as to any woman by virtue of her birth.^{xxxv} Therefore, the decriminalization of the sex trade is not only unnecessary as a legal tool to secure women’s

rights, it *sine qua non* promotes and endorses state-sanctioned exploitation and sexual violence. The prostitution of women and girls is also directly linked to high mortality rates.^{xxxvi}

UN Women would not support child marriage because a girl's parents justify it out of fear for their daughter's future, nor would it endorse debt bondage because a woman must feed her children. In that vein, UN Women must not sacrifice disenfranchised women, hailing from the smallest village to the largest metropolis, to the sex trade because her choices to survive have disappeared. The rule of law and systems of justice for women and girls matter.

ANNEX E

Representation at Regional Reviews and Civil Society Organizing Partners with the Example of the Women’s Major Group for the UNECE

We deeply fear that the “Group of 21” will engage in efforts to undermine international law and human rights principles based on the ideology of most of its members. We are also extremely concerned that its decision-making powers and influence will overwhelm the regional review of the Beijing+25 processes toward an acceptance of prostitution as a form of labour.

Parallel to the efforts above described, UN Women initiated regional reviews as part of the Beijing+25 process and in advance of the Generation Equality Forum in 2020. The selection process of the designated civil society organizing partners for these regional reviews remains unclear to the undersigned.

We therefore have every reason to believe that the selection processes of the organizing partners regionally, charged with identifying challenges and providing civil society’s recommendations during key parts of the Beijing+25 process, were equally biased, non-transparent, and undemocratic.

As just one example, the Women’s Major Group (WMG) is the regional civil society organizing partner for the regional review conducted by the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). WMG is identified as “self-organized,” officially recognized by the UN and its Member States with a mandate to work “jointly and in solidarity” with civil society organizations, social movements and Indigenous Peoples.^{xxxvii} In its capacity as organizing partner, the WMG is responsible for overseeing the development of documentation, including thematic “fact sheets,” following a consultative process with civil society to deliver to the UNECE. These fact sheets are deliberated in thematic working groups determined by WMG.

One such consultative process focused on developing a fact sheet on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), a critical topic in ensuring that the bodily autonomy, sexual and reproductive rights and health of women and girls are duly respected. When a comment was made regarding SRHR and “sex work,” a subgroup was created to draft a fact sheet on SRHR for “sex workers”, despite protests against the terminology from the group’s participants.

According to members in the SRHR subgroup, the WMG controlled the discussion as to whether the fact sheet on SRHR for women in the sex trade would include the word “prostitution” or not. Since the subgroup could not reach consensus on the matter, some members offered to draft the abolitionist perspective to be added to the fact sheet that would include prostitution as violence and non-state torture against women and the negative consequences of prostitution on women’s sexual health and rights. WMG not only denied the request, but also replaced all mentions of prostitution with the “sex work” terminology and called for the decriminalization of the sex trade. The text of such draft fact sheet is on Annex E-1 attached hereto.

Notwithstanding numerous attempts to provide meaningful evidence-based input consistent with international law about the impact of prostitution on the lives of women, girls and communities, WMG dismissed divergent voices and shut down arguments that a woman's right to sexual health, sexual autonomy, and to a life free from violence and discrimination will never come to light in the sex trade. WMG insisted that their focus was on "the SRHR of sex workers and is based on previous WMG positions, the feminist benchmark position and in solidarity with our allies in the South."^{xxxviii} Extensive internet searches on these alleged WMG positions have not offered any evidence that any such policies or platform on "sex work" exist. To categorize the enactment of laws that legalize or decriminalize the sex trade as a "feminist benchmark" underlines a failing in understanding the vision, mission and goals of the BPfA and principles of equality for women.

In another instance, WMG categorically rejected input by members of the working group on trafficking to add the word "prostitution" in the trafficking fact sheet in accordance with international law, including the Palermo Protocol^{xxxix} and CEDAW^{xl}. WMG also blocked the citation of a UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children's report about the links between sex trafficking and prostitution.^{xli}

UNECE working group members complained that the process was neither transparent nor egalitarian and in violation of WMG's own working principles and values including its commitment to ["Create space for dissenting voices in discussions within the WMG and open up space, where available for divergent voices..."](#) One member subsequently resigned from the SRHR working group after WMG representatives silenced and dismissed abolitionist participation. Three other members refused to add their names to the final SRHR fact sheet.

ANNEX E-1

UNECE Draft Fact Sheet on the Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Sex Workers, Coordinated by the Women's Major Group (WMG) [As received via email on 10 October 2019]

2.10 (a) subgroup: SRHR with specific focus on sex work

The right to health, including Sexual and Reproductive health, is a fundamental human right for every person. In Europe and North America, sex workers'[1] right to health, and other human rights, are violated by policy and legal frameworks that oppress and criminalize sex work and the purchase of sex, as well as by the structural barriers in accessing health services, and stigma and discrimination in health care and legal settings. In recent years, the wider regional contexts of rising right wing populism, xenophobia, and racism; a regional predilection for neoliberalism and austerity; increased privatization of public, health, and criminal justice services; increased use of criminal justice systems as sole healthcare providers; and the increase in criminalization, punitive and conditional diversion programs; has meant that sex workers face rising stigma, marginalization, violence, and discrimination on an unprecedented scale.

This Factsheet highlights examples of international legal frameworks that underpin the Sexual and Reproductive Rights of sex workers, current regional trends and contexts, and recommendations to policy makers beyond Beijing+25, and towards the full realization of the sexual and reproductive rights of sex workers.

International commitments and standards

- 'Ensure equal access to and equal treatment of women and men in education and health care and enhance women's sexual and reproductive health as well as education'

World Conference on Women: The Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action [2]

- 'States parties should take measures to fully protect persons working in the sex industry against all forms of violence, coercion, and discrimination. They should ensure that such persons have access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services.' *Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights 2016 recommendation*[3]

- 'In direct violation of CEDAW's Articles 11 and 12[4], access to safe pregnancy and maternal care, as well as safe abortion, are frequently denied (to sex workers)' *Framework on Rights of Sex Workers and CEDAW; IWRAW, Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) [5]*

- 'take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure [...] access to health care services, including those related to family planning.' *CEDAW Article 12*

- 'Violations of women's sexual and reproductive health and rights could also amount to torture, including forced sterilization, abuse and mistreatment of women and girls seeking sexual and reproductive health information, goods and services (ref CEDAW Committee, General Recommendation 35)-*Framework on Rights of Sex Workers and CEDAW*

- Sustainable Development Goal 5: "Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences."

- Implementing Comprehensive HIV/STI Programmes with Sex Workers: Practical Approaches from Collaborative Interventions-/ Sex Worker Implementation Tool (SWIT)- defines the vision for comprehensive SRH services for sex workers as part of a community-led, human rights-based approach to addressing HIV and STIs- 2013, WHO, UNFPA, UNAIDS, NSWP, the World Bank, and UNDP

Current contexts- Barriers to the realization of SRHR and accessing SRHR services and other health services:

- From health-care to social protection, criminal justice systems to public services; sex workers continue to face significant **stigma, discrimination, and violence**. Socially sanctioned norms, that see certain behaviours and identities as contravening established norms, leave sex workers on the margins of society, excluded, and silenced;
- Sex workers often face **multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination**, including from staff in health care settings, based on their gender identity, race, ethnicity, migrant status, or sexuality; in particular migrant, LGBTQI and non-binary, and indigenous sex workers, and sex workers with disabilities; compounded by an increasing racism, xenophobia, homophobia and lesbophobia, transphobia, and a hostile environment for migrants in Europe and North America; Attitudes of health care workers, often based on religious or patriarchal beliefs, can lead to pervasive stigma associated with their status as sex workers, adding additional barriers to accessing SRH services;
- The **erasure** of sex worker's realities, narratives, stories, and identities, and their exclusion, continues to be a significant barrier to the realization of sex worker's SRHR. Regional funding, legislation, policy, and civil society spaces, sex workers are often viewed as 'victims', with no choice or agency, failing to recognize sex workers as rights holders with autonomy;
- The **lack of space** for sex workers to lead the development of policy, including Sexual and Reproductive Health policy, that affects their lives, continues in the region. Funding, legislation, policy and services have been heavily weighted towards issues of addressing issues of trafficking for sexual exploitation, criminalization policies, or exit programmes; significantly more than those that actually uphold the rights of sex workers;
- **Mandatory health testing, HIV screening, treatment and registration** for sex workers impacts their access to SRHR and other health services and are a violation of their sexual and reproductive health and rights. Conditionalities of mandatory health checks are often coercive and sex workers face prosecution and fines, or are unable to work in specific spaces, if they do not meet conditions. These policies stigmatize sex workers and the services they provide as professional and autonomous workers. The checks are invasive and degrading, and criminalize health- leading to a distrust in services. In some countries sex workers are expected to pay the fee for medical checks; In some countries in Europe, only unmarried women can register as a sex worker, failing to recognize the diversity of sex workers and the SRHR services they may need to access;
- **Documentation/health insurance requirements**, particularly for migrant sex workers, is a significant barrier to accessing all health services, including SRHR services. In a

criminalised context, it is almost impossible for sex workers to provide needed proof of income or employment they need to obtain health insurance, leading to routine denial of services of health services;

- **Legal/ resident status-** Migrants sex workers, particularly those who are undocumented, already face more precarious situations. They often have no 'right' to access health services or to obtain health insurance. In addition, they often fear arrest or deportation when accessing state-run services due to their lack of a regularised legal status.
- **Health programs for sex workers** often focus on voluntary HIV and STI testing and treatment, whilst important, fails to address the broader SRHR needs of sex workers and meet international guidelines and standards; family planning and contraceptive counselling, pregnancy care, abortion and post-abortion care, cancer screening, and hormonal therapy and counselling for transgender sex workers. Reproductive health for example, is a key area of SRHR for women and GNC people who are sex workers;
- **Privacy /anonymity-** Sex workers report that stigma and discriminatory attitudes of staff working in health care settings leads to their sex work-status being disclosed without their consent, and this often leads to further discrimination, decreased quality of care, or even refusal of service. As a result, few sex workers disclose their profession to medical providers, and some may avoid contact with the health care system altogether
- **Criminalization of sex work** undermines sex workers right to health. Criminalization stigmatizes and socially excludes sex workers, and prevents access health care through fear of reporting or arrest. Additionally, the confiscation of condoms as evidence of sex work by police similarly discourages the utilisation of SRH services, increasing sex workers' vulnerability to HIV and STIs. In setting with laws around HIV exposure, non-disclosure, and transmission; same-sex sexual activity and sodomy laws can further deter sex workers from seeking critical SRH care for fear of legal reprisal.

Thinking beyond Beijing, recommendations for the future on the theme/region

- Recognize and realize sex workers are rights holders
- Stop the erasure of sex workers' voices and include sex workers from diverse communities in decision making and policy making;
- Remove all punitive laws and regulations related to sex work and the purchase of sex, in the form of decriminalization, that marginalize sex workers, that barrier access to sexual and reproductive health and other health services, and violate sex workers' human rights
- Provide full range of health services to sex workers, that are confidential, non-conditional, free from violence, stigma and discrimination, and that respond to and recognize their diverse identities, experiences, working conditions, and needs
- Remove barriers to accessing SRH services for migrant sex workers, placing a firewall between legal status and service access.
- Eliminate mandatory and coercive HIV and STI testing and treatment policies
- Address the stigma and discrimination that sex workers experience from mainstream SRH services, providing sex worker-led sensitisation training for health care staff and implementing strong complaints and redress systems to address abuses effectively

- Promote SRH education programming among sex workers and their clients, improving SRH literacy
- Prioritise funding for trusted, community-led services

Note

The Women’s Major Group follows the global UN processes on women’s rights, gender equality and sustainable development. The Beijing+25 process is a global process, where we are building on decades of work to bring forward the positions of feminists globally. The WMG creates spaces for women’s rights activists in all their diversity to formulate their priorities. In this case, the WMG aligns with organisations and movements globally, from the global South in particular, who have strongly stood up for language that fully does justice to the human rights of sex workers, and does not lead to further discrimination, marginalization of criminalization. The language is in line with the CEDAW recommendations on addressing exploitation of women, whilst highlighting the human rights of all women in all situations. The positions of the WMG from previous years is what we will build on, in a global context, where we have a reality of criminalization of the worst sorts, the WMG cannot limit its positions to a Northern context only. We always put the priority and solidarity with our sisters from the global South at the forefront.

Other resources

- http://www.sexworkeurope.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/files/ICRSE_Briefing%20paper_HEALTH%20RIGHTS_October2017_A4_PRINT_02.pdf
- <https://www.nswp.org/sites/nswp.org/files/framework-on-rights-of-sex-workers-cedaw-1.pdf>
- <http://sexworklawreform.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/CASWLR-Pivot-CEDAW-Submission-Oct-3-2016.pdf>
- https://www.nswp.org/sites/nswp.org/files/bp_sws_access_to_comp_srh_-_nswp_2018.pdf
- http://www.sexworkeurope.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/files/join/dec_brussels2005.pdf

[1] UNAIDS and the World Health Organisation define sex workers as “female, male and transgender adults aged over 18 years who sell consensual sexual services in return for cash or payment in kind, and who may sell sex formally or informally, regularly or occasionally.”

[2]https://www.un.org/en/events/pastevents/pdfs/Beijing_Declaration_and_Platform_for_Action.pdf

[3]<http://docstore.ohchr.org/SelfServices/FilesHandler.ashx?enc=4slQ6QSmlBEDzFEovLCuW1a0Szab0oXTdImnsJZZVQfQejF41Tob4CvIjeTiAP6sGFQktiae1vlbbOAEkmaOwDOWsUe7N8TLm%2BP3HJPzxjHySkUoHMavD%2Fpyfcp3Ylzg>

[4] [CEDAW General Recommendation No. 24: Article 12 of the Convention \(Women and Health\)](#)

[5] <https://www.nswp.org/sites/nswp.org/files/framework-on-rights-of-sex-workers-cedaw-1.pdf>

[6] [Implementing Comprehensive HIV/STI Programmes with Sex Workers: Practical Approaches from Collaborative Interventions](#)

[7]https://law.yale.edu/sites/default/files/area/center/ghjp/documents/framework_on_rights_of_sex_workers_cedaw.pdf

[8]https://law.yale.edu/sites/default/files/area/center/ghjp/documents/framework_on_rights_of_sex_workers_cedaw.pdf

ⁱ United Nations, *Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women*, 27 October 1995. The UN also reinforced its commitment to the equal rights and inherent human dignity of every individual and other purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), the [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#) and the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), as well as the [Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) and the [Declaration on the Right to Development](#).

ⁱⁱ To commemorate the BPfA and accelerate its vision and promises, UN Women convened the Generation Equality Forum, a multi-stakeholder gathering, co-chaired by the governments of France and Mexico, in partnership with civil society. As stated in the goals for the Generation Equality Forum, the vision centralizes the premise that “women’s rights are human rights,” through an open discussion sourced from a wide breadth of feminist and other advocates for the rights of women and girls around the world. The Generation Equality Forum and the 64th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2020 (CSW64) will evaluate twenty-five years of progress since the adoption of the BPfA.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw64-2020>

ⁱⁱⁱ **Global:** Shannon Kowalski (International Women's Health Coalition); Hakima Abbas (AWID)
Regional (Asia Pacific): Sivananthi Thanenthiran (ARROW (Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women)); Sharon Bhagwan Rolls (Shifting the Power Coalition & Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict); **Regional (Africa):** Memory Kachambwa (FEMNET - African Women's Development and Communication Network); Kuwonu Afiwa Kafui (WILDAF); **Regional (Europe):** Sophie Beria (YouAct - European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights); Xenia Kellner (Young Feminist Europe); **Regional (Middle East and North Africa):** Fatma Khafagy (Egyptian Feminist Union); Gharsanay IbnulAmeen (Youth Empowerment and Leadership Organization); **Regional (Latin America):** Mabel Bianco (Foundation for Studies and Research on Women/Fundacion para Estudio e Investigacion de la Mujer, FEIM); Gia Gaspard Taylor (Network of Rural Women Producers Trinidad and Tobago); **Constituency/thematic:** Bertha Cecilia Garcia Cienfuegos (Asociación Regional Mujeres Ingenieras); Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo-Wondieh (Women for a Change); Jessica Stern (OutRight Action International); Chidi King (International Trade Union Confederation); Phelister Abdalla (Kenya Sex Workers Alliance (KESWA)); Sascha Gabizon (Women Engage for a Common Future); Jeanne Hefez (Ipas); Naiara Leite Costa (Articulação de Organizações de Mulheres Negras Brasileiras); Houry Geudelekian (NGO-CSW)

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<https://apwld.org/press-release-feminist-leadership-delivers-on-womens-human-rights-at-the-un-commission-on-the-status-of-women/>

^v FEMNET is the African Women’s Development and Communication Network. <https://femnet.org/> FEMNET is a member of the Sex Workers Inclusive Feminist Alliance (SWIFA), The Alliance is led by the Global Network of Sex Work Projects and includes Amnesty International - International Secretariat, CREA, FEMNET, Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC), International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP Asia Pacific), Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) and Centre for Women’s Global Leadership (CWGL). In its “**Written Submission on Trafficking in Women & Girls in the context of Global Migration**” to the **CEDAW Committee in February 2019, calling for avenues leading to “migration for sex work,”** https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CEDAW/GRTrafficking/Sex%20Workers%20Inclusive%20Feminist%20Alliance_SWIFA.docx;

^{vi} “Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world...[] the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women...” UN General Assembly, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, 10 December 1948, Preamble.

^{vii} “States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.”UN General Assembly, *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*, 18 December 1979, Article 6.

viii (a) "Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. **Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others** or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs; (b) The consent of a victim of trafficking in persons...[] shall be irrelevant...[], "UN General Assembly, *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime*, 15 November 2000, Article 3. (emphasis added)

ix "Whereas prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and endanger the welfare of the individual, the family and the community," UN General Assembly, *Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others*, 2 December 1949, A/RES/317, Preamble.

x The BPfA's twelve critical areas are (1) Women and poverty; (2) Education and training of women; (3) Women and health; (4) Violence against women; (5) Women and armed conflict; (6) Women and the economy; (7) Women in power and decision-making; (8) Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women; (9) Human rights of women; (10) Women and the media; (11) Women and the environment; (12) The girl-child, <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/csw59/feature-stories>

xi Global Civil Society Led Initiative: Beijing+25 and the Generation Equality Forum <https://www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/beijing-plus-25/generation-equality-forum>

xii *Women's Rights Organizations Call on Congress to Protect Sex Workers' Rights in Fight to End Trafficking of Persons*, International Women's Health Coalition Statement, March 21, 2018, <https://iwhc.org/press-releases/congress-protect-sex-workers-rights-end-trafficking/>; "Rights, Not Rescue: Dutch Org Mama Cash Hosts Conversation about Sex Work, November 18, 2009, <https://iwhc.org/2009/11/rights-not-rescue-dutch-org-mama-cash-hosts-conversation-about-sex-work/>; "AWID Restates Support for Sex Worker Rights Groups After Criticism from Swedish Anti-Sex Work Campaigners" <https://www.nswp.org/es/news/awid-restates-support-sex-worker-rights-groups-after-criticism-swedish-anti-sex-work/>; "[...]As a significant international feminist network devoted to global feminism, AWID has substantially promoted and campaigned for the rights of sex workers, including in support of decriminalisation." *Policy Brief: Sex Work and Gender Equality*, Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP), p. 6, 2017, https://www.nswp.org/sites/nswp.org/files/policy_brief_sex_work_and_gender_equality_nswp_-_2017.pdf "Timeline of ARROW's Key Advocacy Interventions in 2014: Global Commission on HIV and the Law Regarding Sex Work," ARROW Annual Report, 2014; <https://arrow.org.my/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ARROW-PAR-2014-Web-Version.pdf>; "Sex Workers Alliance (KESWA) has many important partnerships. The East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative (UHAI) support KESWA in the decriminalisation of sex work in Kenya." <https://www.nswp.org/featured/keswa-kenya>; "Argentina: Urgent Support Needed For Proposal To Decriminalize Sex Work And Transgender Expression in Buenos Aires Province," <https://outrightinternational.org/content/argentina-urgent-support-needed-proposal-decriminalize-sex-work-and-transgender-expression>; "Kenya must legalise sex work for the sake of human rights and public health," Phelister Wamboi Abdalla, National coordinator of KESWA, *The Guardian*, December 17, 2015, <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/dec/17/kenya-sex-workers-legalise-human-rights-public-health>.

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[letter-the-icelandic-foreign-minister-minister-lilja-d-gg-alfre-asd-ttir-regarding-the](#); Kenya Sex Workers Alliance (KESWA), <https://www.nswp.org/featured/keswa-kenya>

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^{xv} UNAIDS Guidance Note on HIV and Sex Work, 2009,

https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/sub_landing/files/JC2306_UNAIDS-guidance-note-HIV-sex-work_en.pdf; “Shifting the strategic focus from reduction of demand for sex work to reduction of demand for unprotected paid sex...” *UNAIDS, Guidance note on HIV and sex work*, Annex 2, p 12, 2012

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https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/sub_landing/files/JC2306_UNAIDS-guidance-note-HIV-sex-work_en.pdf

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^{xxv} Strategic objective D.3.: “Eliminate trafficking in women and assist victims of violence due to prostitution and trafficking,” United Nations, *Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women*, 27 October 1995, p.55

^{xxvi} Strategic Objective C.2.: “Strengthen preventive programmes that promote women’s health” idem, p. 42

^{xxvii} *A Guide for NGOs and Women’s Human Rights Activists at the UN and CSW*, 2015

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Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, **the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation**, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs; (b) The **consent** of a victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in subparagraph (a) of this article **shall be irrelevant** where any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) have been used; UN General Assembly, *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime*, 15 November 2000, Article 3, (emphasis added)

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