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High-Level Conference

Europe for Gender Equality? Taking Stock — Taking Action

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The European Union and Member States have taken important steps towards gender equality. However, many long-standing challenges remain and new questions have emerged on the gender equality agenda in the 2000s.

It is time now, at the beginning of the new term of the European Parliament and the European Commission, to take stock of key trends of gender equality in the EU and discuss the directions for future action. The 25th anniversary of the United Nations Beijing Platform for Action offers an opportunity to assess the progress made in gender equality and to reflect on future orientation of EU gender equality policies, including the integration of gender equality into all EU activities.

On behalf of Finland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, it is our pleasure to invite you to the High Level Conference 'Europe for Gender Equality? Taking Stock — Taking Action'. The Conference will be held on 30 September and 1 October 2019 in Helsinki. The aim is to foster cross-sectoral discussion on future EU gender equality policies based on a review of the progress in gender equality and women's rights 25 years after the Beijing Platform for Action. The Conference will focus on the relationship between the economy and gender equality and on how we could strengthen the links between gender equality and economic and budgetary policies. Participants include representatives of Member States and EU institutions as well as civil society and academia.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference!

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