



MINISTERIAL DECLARATION –

boys to become agents of change in promoting and protecting the human rights of women and girls and promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between men and women across the life cycle; and combat stereotypic attitudes concerning women's and men's roles and responsibilities within the family and society at large;

(g) Intensify national efforts, including with the support of the international community, to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls; develop measures that encourage and support the efforts of men and boys to take an active role in this regard, as part of

provision of universal access to reproductive health, including integrating family planning, sexual health and health-care services in national strategies and programmes;

(p) Strengthen initiatives that would increase the capacities of women and adolescent girls to protect themselves from HIV infection, in view of the feminization of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and ensure that HIV/AIDS programmes address the specific vulnerabilities and needs of women and girls, taking into account local circumstances. We also emphasize that gender inequality is one of the major drivers of the HIV/AIDS epidemic;

(q) Increase, where necessary, resources, both human and financial, required to support the implementation of gender-sensitive policies and programmes, and for improved tracking and monitoring of expenditures allocated for the promotion of gender equality, the empowerment of women and gender mainstreaming, including through undertaking gender-responsive budget planning, allocation and revenue raising, and encourage the integration of gender perspectives in aid modalities and efforts to enhance aid delivery mechanisms;

(r) Improve and systematize the collection, analysis and dissemination of sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data; enhance capacity development in this regard; and develop gender-sensitive indicators to support legislative developments, policymaking and national systems for monitoring and reporting on progress and impacts;

(s) Pursue and strengthen a broad range of partnerships at national and international levels in a sustainable manner, including among members of the international community, Governments, civil society, including women's organizations, a

Commission, in pursuance of their relationship as established in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁷ to explore ways of strengthening the contribution of women towards this end.

15. We recognize the important role of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of Member States to implement their commitments