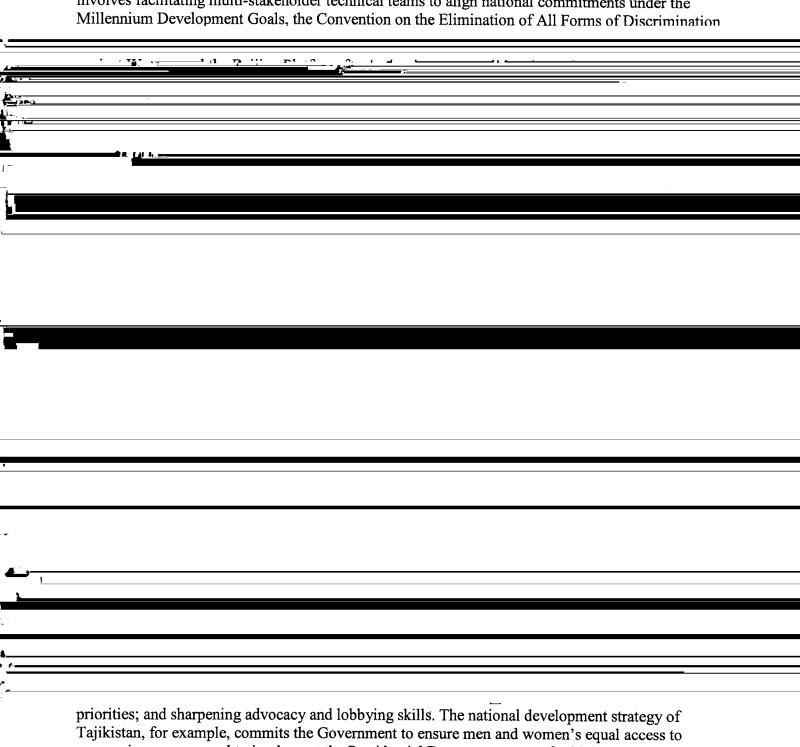


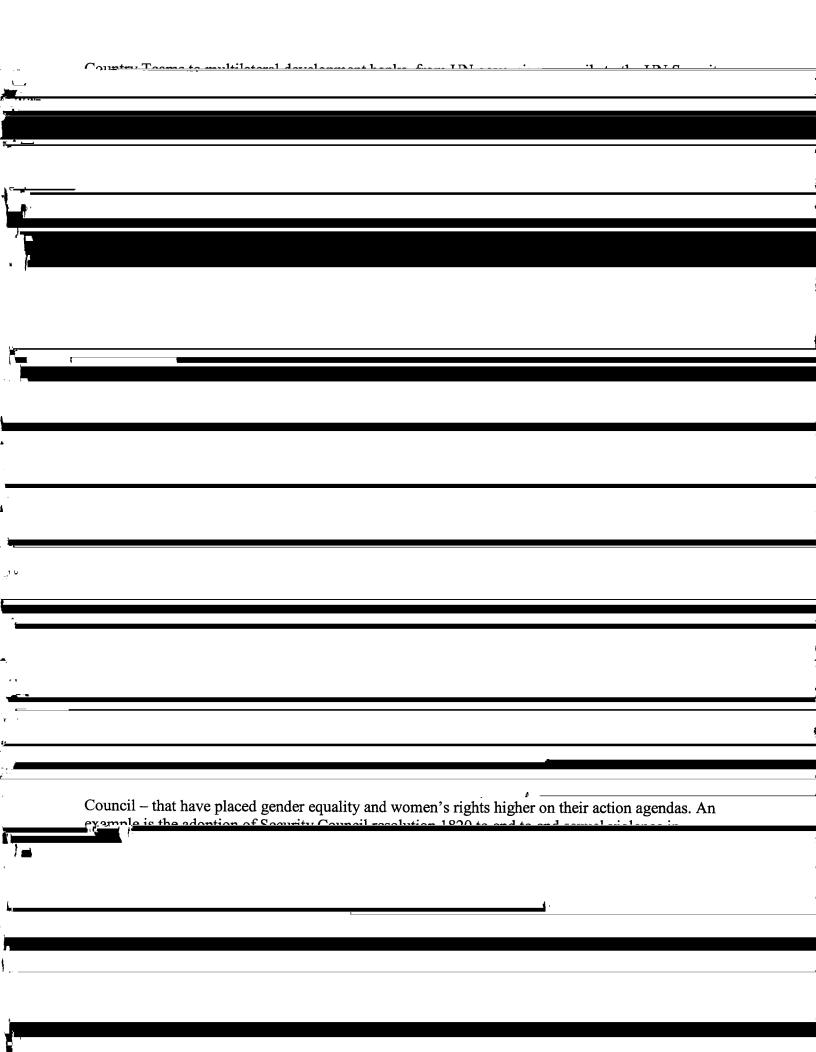
democratic governance. Over the past four years, UNIFEM has helped national machineries for women develop expertise to draft gender equality laws, as in DRC, Liberia and Mauritania. UNIFEM also focuses on efforts to strengthen implementation of existing laws, as in Viet Nam, where we support capacity development for national assembly members and chief justices of provincial courts to implement the gender equality law that came into effect in 2007. In 2007, in addition to assisting efforts at the national level, UNIFEM supported the formulation of a regional gender policy for the Southern African Development Community.

For the past three years, UNIFEM has been supporting countries to develop a systematic approach to mainstream gender equality priorities into national development strategies. This involves facilitating multi-stakeholder technical teams to align national commitments under the



economic resources and to implement the Presidential Decree on a quota for higher education for

rural girls and boys. The Kyrgyzstan national development strategy supports temporary special measures to increase political representation of women, and commits the Government to imple



	provides new mechanisms to support gender equality priorities. In Kenya, UNIFEM manages a
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	2007. The goal is to transform leadership and governance at all levels in Kenya in order to deliver on poverty reduction, access to basic needs and equality between and among persons. In 2007, it focused on supporting women's political aspirations towards the general elections of December 2007, assisting 35 organizations in strengthening women's leadership and gender balance in governance at different levels in nearly 200 out of the 210 constituencies.

In the coming months, UNIFEM will continue to support gender equality advocates -in

government, civil society and UN partner organizations—to enhance implementation and accountability for gender equality commitments in the context of Financing for Development, huilding on the outcome of the High Level Forum of Aid Effectiveness, which requests the UNIX

IV.

Moving forward

The increasing shift to programme-based approaches within the aid effectiveness agenda