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It gives me great pleasure to address you today on behalf of Zonta International, a leading organization in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC, which has been working to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy since its founding in 1919. My name is Leslie Wright, and I am the International UN Committee Chairman for Zonta.

On 1 April 2016 we submitted our statement to you, the co-facilitators of this draft resolution for the President of the General Assembly. In reviewing the draft text we can see that a number of our recommendations have been included, for which we wish to extend our appreciation. Specifically we see these in paragraphs 12, 14 and 15.

We would like to call your attention to several areas that we feel important for consideration in the next draft of the text:

1. To assure equal participation of both men and women in the review process, with reporting that specifically describes the gender perspective used.
2. Though we did not state this in our earlier comments, we would like assurances of the welcome participation of civil society, major groups and other stakeholders, in the review dialogue as partners, accredited to the review.
3. We would like to see Goal 5 reflected under all the themes as a cross-cutting goal that would assure positive implementation of the themes, rather than seeking Goal 5 review solely in 2019.

I thank your Excellencies for this consideration.

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