DIVISION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

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To:

Networks and organizations

From:

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Division for the Advancement of Women

Subject:

Funding for selected members of ECOSOC-accredited NGOs to participate in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March 2010), through a contribution of the late Ms. Yvonne Marie-Therese Hebert

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- 1. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will hold its fifty-fourth session from 1 to 12 March 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. The Commission will undertake a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. Emphasis will be placed on the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals.
- 2. Thanks to a contribution made by the late Ms. Yvonne M.T. Hebert, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) can provide funding (travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance) for between eight and ten members **ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations** to attend as observers during the first week of CSW54, i.e., from 1-5 March 2010.
- 3. The Division would like to request you to contact your networks and regional affiliates in order to suggest one or two candidates who meet the following criteria:
- must have active membership with an ECOSOC-accredited NGO
- should have substantive knowledge and experience related to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action
- must be a first-time participant attending a session of CSW
- must not be a recipient of other funding to attend CSW

- 4. In order to achieve greater diversity in the selection process, special consideration will be given to geographic balance, youthful candidates, candidates with disabilities; and indigenous or minority women; as well as candidates with outreach and networking capacity at the local, regional, national or international levels.
- 5. We would appreciate it if you would complete the attached form (one per candidate) together with the candidate's resume and a letter of recommendation highlighting why your organization believes that the candidate should be chosen for the funding; and either email or fax the information to us by Wednesday, 18 November 2009, indicating in the subject line "Yvonne Hebert Nomination". Only those candidates whose information is complete will be considered.
- 6.. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Eleanor Solo, Officer-in-Charge, Coordination and Outreach Unit, at (212) 963 1524; fax: (212) 963 3463; or by email (<u>csw54@un.org</u>).