

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Second Report of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region On the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the Second Report of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

Background

2. The Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in September 1995. The BPFA, which sets out twelve strategic objectives for action, aims to empower women through promoting their advancement and removing all the obstacles to their active participation in all spheres of public and private life.

3. The twelve strategic objectives for action are as follows -
- Strategic objective A: Women and Poverty
 - Strategic objective B: Education and Training of Women
 - Strategic objective C: Women and Health
 - Strategic objective D: Violence against Women
 - Strategic objective E: Women and Armed Conflict
 - Strategic objective F: Women and the Economy
 - Strategic objective G: Women in Power and Decision-making
 - Strategic objective H: Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women
 - Strategic objective I: Human Rights of Women
 - Strategic objective J: Women and the Media
 - Strategic objective K: Women and the Environment
 - Strategic objective L: The Girl-child

4. The Government of the HKSAR has all along been observing the principles of the BPFA and fulfilling the objectives through various policies and measures. The first report on the Government's implementation of the BPFA was issued in 2000.

The Second Report

5. The Government has prepared a second report on the implementation of the BPFA, which serves as a review on our efforts in the empowerment of women since the first report issued in 2000. We will distribute the report at the "Beijing 2005: The Tenth Anniversary Commemoration of the Fourth World Conference on Women" to be held in Beijing in late August 2005. An advance copy of the [report](#) is attached for Members' information.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note the contents of this paper.

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