“From Beijing to Post 2015”

Agency for International Development Cooperation of Spain (AECID)-MFA, Ministry for Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain (MSSSI)

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To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration and Platform for Action at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing 1995, Spain along with other strategic partners will review and appraise the implementation of the commitments set forth in the Declaration and Platform for Action.

The commitment of Spain to the Declaration and Platform for Action has remained firm since 1995, when it played an undisputed leadership role as the country's chief negotiator on behalf of the European Union, of which it held its presidency, being now a reference on driving legislative progress on issues such as women’s economic empowerment, gender violence and reconciling work and family life.

Furthermore, the design and implementation of gender equality plans and programs as well as strengthening national and regional mechanisms for gender equality has represented an experience on which to build in other countries, especially in Latin America.

This leadership and commitment that has been shared with other countries, such as Norway, whose work has been very relevant in areas like women’s economic empowerment and the promotion of their active participation in the labor market. This commitment is also being gradually shared by other stakeholders like the private sector.

Furthermore, gender equality is a hallmark of the Spanish development cooperation policy and its work in alliance with UN agencies, such as UN Women, civil society and partner countries, to promote gender equality and women’s political and economic empowerment.

Reflections on the progress achieved and the remaining challenges on women's rights, in the framework of this 20th anniversary, will enrich and strengthen the position of gender equality as a stand-alone goal and integrated through gender-sensitive targets into all goals of the post-2015 development agenda.
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