Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 28 September 2017

36/8. The full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls and the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and all other human rights instruments,

Recalling also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Declaration and Programme of Action, the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling all relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, as well as the agreed conclusions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women, including the agreed conclusions on women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development,

Recalling also that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights treaties, and is informed by the Declaration on the Right to Development, and recognizing that its
implementation must be consistent with States’ obligations under international human rights law,

Stressing that the full realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and that the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the implementation of the Agenda is crucial,

1. Recognizes that the respect, protection and fulfilment of the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls and the full implementation of all Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are interrelated and mutually reinforcing;

2. Also recognizes that the full implementation of all Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda is not possible without the respect, protection and fulfilment of the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by all women and girls, including the right to development, which should be mainstreamed into all policies and programmes aimed at the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the eradication of poverty;

3. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with Member States, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Population Fund and other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international human rights mechanisms, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, to organize a two-day intersessional expert meeting to consider gaps in, challenges to and best practices aimed at the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls and the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, to prepare a report on the outcome of the above-mentioned meeting, and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-ninth session.

39th meeting
28 September 2017

[Adopted without a vote.]