

INTRODUCTION TO THE FACT SHEET KIT



This kit contains a series of Fact Sheets about Beijing +10. The year 2005 marks the anniversary of the 4th United Nations World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China in 1995, and the adoption of the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (PfA)*. The enclosed Fact Sheets provide more information about the Beijing +10 process, the themes and commitments in the PfA and patterns and trends towards gender equality in Canada and our work internationally.

There are 15 Fact Sheets, including 12 on the critical areas of concern in the PfA.

- Gender Equality and the United Nations System
- Beijing +10 Process
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- Economy
- Power and Decision-Making
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- Media
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Status of Women Canada (SWC) hopes this Fact Sheet Kit is useful and will stimulate thought and discussion among many audiences, including women's organizations and other Canadian and international non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, students, media, the Canadian public in general and other countries.

The Fact Sheets cannot tell the whole story, of course, and those interested are encouraged to refer to additional information sources and websites, including Canada's response to the United Nations' questionnaire for Beijing +10 at SWC's website at http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/unquestionnaire04/index_e.html.

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