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### RURAL WOMEN AND GIRLS “EMPOWERMENT AS GUARANTEE OF FUTURE”

**FORMAT MEETING: FACE TO FACE\* PANEL DISCUSSION/ PRESENCE-BASED MODALITY**

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#### CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:

Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls around the world is the key of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development, which dedicates its fifth goal to "enforce Gender Equality and empowerment of all women and girls", considering the systematic incorporation of a gender perspective crucial in the implementation of the Agenda.

Twenty-eight years have passed since the Women's Conference in Beijing, where 189 member states of the United Nations adopted the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action with the aim of implementing an agenda that would achieve and guarantee the human rights of women and girls. Likewise, the Fourth Women's Conference was a milestone in the objective of achieving gender equality.

Despite the social advances achieved after the Beijing Conference, we have witnessed that rural and indigenous women and girls from all countries of the world continue suffering more inequalities and have fewer opportunities than those who live in urban areas.

For all these reasons, it is important to address, analyse and debate the leadership of rural women and girls and take the great challenge of empowering them inside their communities for a real equality of opportunities that is the great challenge of the 21st century.

Women and girls are essential to keep rural areas alive, preserving territories and ensuring global food security. However, they leave their homes in rural areas, seeking a better life, full of new opportunities and guarantees but they also play a fundamental role in observing the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda since gender inequality is still present in all sectors of public and private life.

This reality requires that we must work to achieve the empowerment of women and girls in these territories as a starting point for achieving equality in rural areas. And for this, we have to promote the leading role that they play within their societies, promoting their leadership, essential to achieve egalitarian rural territories and at the same time, where women have a future to maintain the life in the villages.

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It is important to keep in mind the challenges of rural women and girls around the world, who despite being different share the same challenges of everyday life- they live in an environment where inequalities are more evident and where opportunities for their empowerment are scarce with a low representation in decision-making as well.

The empowerment and leadership of rural women and girls in the 21st century involves access to land ownership, equal and fair access to education; to employment; access to positions of power and decision-making; for decent living conditions for rural areas; for access to new technologies; for conciliation and co-responsibility.

It is also critical to avoid rural exodus and provide services in rural areas to prevent young women leave rural areas.

That is why it is urgent that we move forward to achieve this goal. In recent times we have been observing how the speeches of fear and hate are questioning both equality and gender policies, carried out by countries. The women of the world and the organizations that represent them have raised their voices against these discourses and have warned that we will not allow even a step back in the recognition of women's fundamental human rights based on respect and equality and that have allowed many women stop suffering for the mere fact of being women.

Furthermore, the serious problem of depopulation affects more and more rural territories and must be urgently treated by the international community, in search of guarantees of living conditions in rural areas that allow sustainable, egalitarian, respectful and balanced development with the environment.

We must seek the roots of the problems that arise by different policies in many rural areas that can cause serious imbalances for the population and for women. They are also linked to production systems that are not linked to the territories or are not very respectful.

**We will able to guarantee the future of rural societies, if we assure the application of the 2030 Agenda and in the Sustainable Development Goals, counting on women as leaders in their communities.**

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