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ADDRESSING THE SITUATION OF WIDOWS



END VIOLENCE AND HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

End harmful mourning and burial rites, female genital mutilation, and child, early and forced marriage, including levirate. Ensure justice and end the impunity of perpetrators of violence against women.



LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Ensure equal and meaningful participation of widows at all decision-making levels and at all stages of peace processes, peacebuilding, and mediation efforts



MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

Recognize and register all types of marriage while eliminating child, early, and forced marriage.



INHERITANCE

Ensure that widows have full access to inheritance. Protect the rights of widows within inheritance regimes and with regard to the allocation of marital property.



SOCIAL PROTECTION

Develop, strengthen, and implement comprehensive social protection systems that take into account the needs of widows and their children.



LAND & PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Eliminate any barriers, legal inconsistencies, and discriminatory policies and laws that impede the rights of all women, including widows, to ownership of and control over land.



ACCESS TO FINANCE AND DECENT WORK

Remove all discriminatory laws and promote and protect widows' economic and financial inclusion and right to decent work.



CLOSE THE INFORMATION GAP

Collect and analyze high-quality and reliable data on the status of widows.



INCLUSIVE FAMILY POLICIES

Investing in inclusive family-oriented policies and programs to reduce inequality and promote the well-being of all persons of all ages.



WIDOWS IN HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

Recognize and respond to the need of widows for increased protection in vulnerable situations, including in humanitarian emergencies.



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- Support the full and productive participation of women in the labor market, including widows.
- 2. Incorporate financial instruments aimed at supporting widows.



WIDOWHOOD AND THE GLOBAL COMMITMENTS

Incorporate the issue of widowhood into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and other relevant global commitments.

