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STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Examining existing mechanisms for communications on the status
of women

Report of the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

By its resolution 1990/8 of 24 May 1990, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to examine, in consultation with Governments, the existing mechanisms for communications on the status of women. When carried out, that examination, which included a comparison between the procedure followed by the Commission on the Status of Women, by human rights bodies of the United Nations and by the specialized agencies, and which took into account comments made by Governments, indicated a number of deficiencies in existing procedures. A number of suggestions for strengthening the mechanisms, involving different degrees of change in mandate, approach and programmatic and financial implications, are made in the present report.