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6 *The young women's caucus at the UN CSW convened for the third year here at the United*
7 *Nations to bring together the voices of girls and young women around the world. The caucus*
8 *supports young NGO representatives and representatives from NGOs working on issues related*
9 *to girls and young women to coordinate advocacy efforts and policy statements.*

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11 *We, as members of the young women's caucus, call on governments and the international*
12 *community to ensure equal access and participation of girls and young women to education,*
13 *training, science and technology, including young women's equal access to full employment and*
14 *decent work by:*

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16 Meaningfully engaging girls and young women in policy dialogues on education to create safe,
17 reliable and inclusive educational approaches that will empower young women and create equal
18 learning opportunities;

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20 Facilitating access to technical training, mentoring programmes and job markets in science and
21 technology;

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23 Increasing investment in formal and non-formal education and training for girls and young
24 women, especially comprehensive sexuality education, as key to addressing poverty and gender
25 inequality and promoting the social, political, cultural and economic empowerment of women;

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27 Recognizing and allocating budget to NGOs that deliver vocational and non-formal education
28 programmes for girls and young women, especially in the development of educational and
29 economic policies at the local and national levels.

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31 Including a rights based approach to education policies to address the gender and socio-
32 economic inequality in a learning environment;

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34 Creating a safe environment for girls and young women;

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36 Demanding the right to full and productive employment and equal access to decent work for
37 young women and recognizing this right in economic growth policies, occupational legislation
38 and poverty reduction strategies at local, national, regional and global levels;

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40 Promoting vocational and non-formal education programmes that reach out-of-school girls in a
41 safe and inclusive environment and include their right to comprehensive sexuality education and
42 information on HIV;

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44 And reaffirming education as Human Right, which allows girls and young women to claim the
45 full enjoyment of all Human Rights.

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47 Many thanks for your attention.