



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into on this 25th day of April 2016, by and between UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), and the City of New York (the “City”) to advocate and disseminate policies and practices that increase the safety and equality and of women’s empowerment.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Parties, on a non-exclusive basis, in areas of common interest as set out below.

WHEREAS, UN-Women is the United Nations organization devoted to gender equality and the promotion of the empowerment of women. It is responsible for working with Member States, civil society organizations and coordinating efforts by the United Nations system to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment, and combat discrimination throughout the world;

WHEREAS, United Nations seeks the further implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and is seeking participation of the City in activities during the 16 days of activism for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 – 10 December 2016) and the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March 2016;

WHEREAS, UN-Women, under its Safe Cities Global Initiative has partnered with cities to make public spaces free from sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence;

WHEREAS, UN-Women has partnerships with cities in Central, South, and North America, as well as Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, developing, implementing and evaluating tools, policies and comprehensive approaches on the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces in cities;

WHEREAS, the City will join UN Women’s Safe Cities Global Initiative in the United States, which partners with champion cities dedicated to make public spaces free from sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence, given the City’s commitment to end gender based violence and promoting gender equality, as well as its leadership on issues of equity nationally;

WHEREAS, the City of New York having taken important steps to make the City a safe and equitable place for women and girls to live and to elevate the economic and civic empowerment of women, including policies, practices and public education;

AND WHEREAS, UN-Women and the City of New York have enjoyed a successful relationship during the term of a previous Memorandum of Understanding signed in November 2014 and wish to continue to work collaboratively to engage other US cities, to elevate the importance of gender equality and support policies and practices that support CEDAW's vision, this MOU sets out the relationship between UN-Women and the City of New York;

1. **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

CEDAW

- To the extent time and resources allow, the City will participate in meaningful public education and advocacy activities organized by UN-Women to celebrate and reinvigorate implementation of CEDAW and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;
- The City may provide to UN-Women the City's policies and practices that support the goals of CEDAW, for consideration by UN Women for use and dissemination in the course of its mandate;

2. **Ending violence against Women**

A. Under UN-Women's Safe Cities Global Initiative, the expertise of UN-Women and the City, will be used towards the adaptation and scale up of model approaches and tools to promote the empowerment of women. This includes the following:

- The City will continue to promote the objectives of the Initiative by working through its agencies to increase the safety of women and girls and will share best practices with UN-Women;
- The City may provide to UN-Women the City of New York's policies and approaches for making cities safer for women and girls, for consideration by UN-Women for use and dissemination in the course of its mandate
- To the extent time and resources allow, the City will participate in global advocacy and policy exchanges in international fora organized by the Safe Cities Global Initiative.

B. 16 days of activism for the elimination of violence against women (Nov 25– Dec 10, 2016):

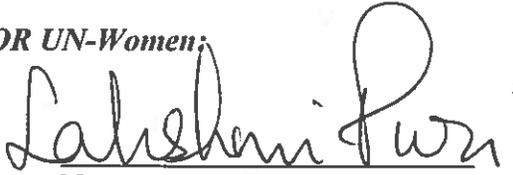
- To the extent time and resources allow, the City will participate in meaningful public advocacy activities organized by UN-Women to commemorate the 16 days of activism for the elimination of violence against women.
3. Each Party must receive the written permission of the other to use representations or make public events, activities, documents, policies, practices or procedures of the other Party. Written notice shall be requested within thirty days of a desired publication date.
 4. The Parties recognize that the cooperative arrangements may be publicized and therefore agree, where considered appropriate, to acknowledge the role and contribution of each organization in public information documentation relating to instances of such cooperation and use each organization's name and/or logo in documentation related to the cooperation in accordance with the current policies of each organization and subject to prior written agreement of each Party. Any such agreement shall be requested within thirty days of a desired publication date.
 5. Each Party shall be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this MOU and its implementation.
 6. This MOU may be amended only by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Nothing in or relating to this MOU shall be deemed a waiver, express, or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.
 7. This non-binding Memorandum of Understanding shall be in effect from the date of its execution until December 31, 2016.
 8. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this MOU shall be in writing to the contact details below:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

FOR UN-Women:



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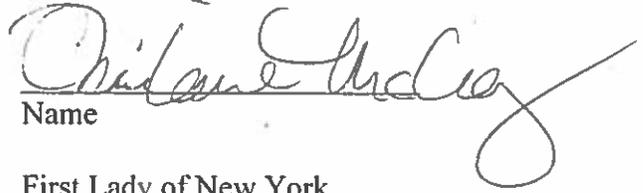
Executive Director of UN-Women

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FOR City of New York:



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