



adoption of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and

for the new gender equality entity. The Under-Secretary-General would work out the details of the basic structure of the new entity and oversee its development, in consultation with the relevant intergovernmental bodies and institutions of the United Nations system.

8. The proposal to establish the new Under-Secretary General post was presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly with a strong recommendation for immediate action. The proposal was currently under review.

9. It was highlighted that both the current United Nations Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General were committed to strengthening the United Nations gender equality architecture. They supported the thrust of the Panel's recommendations and planned to move forward as soon as possible. The Secretary-General was preparing a report in response to the whole package of recommendations of the High-Level Panel which was expected to be issued very soon. This would launch the debate at the General Assembly, which would involve high-level discussions among Member States and consultations and discussions between the Se