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Women Migrant Rights discussed at the 59th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

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The 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, 9-20 March 2015. Representatives of Member States, UN entities and ECOSOC-accredited NGOs from different regions of the world attended the session.

The main focus of the session was on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The issue of migrant domestic workers was discussed at several side events, among them “Organizing for Women Migrant Rights” conducted on 11th of March and “The Feminization of Migration and Globalization of Reproduction: Commodifying care and procreation across borders” on 13th of March.

The Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and their Families (GAP-MDW) facilitated the participation of the representatives of International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) at the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in order to enhance unions’ capacities to promote decent work for migrant domestic workers and to establish priorities for further action within the GAP-MDW project in line with current global strategies and national mechanisms for gender equality.

During the side events, the priorities for future action to realize gender equality, the empowerment of women and the human rights of women and girls were discussed, outlining national mechanisms for gender equality, good practices and strategies for action.

