**INTERVENTION AT THE HIGH LEVEL INTERACTIVE SESSION CSW 63 – 13TH MARCH 2019**

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**We thank the Chair, Vice Chair and the whole Bureau for inviting GANHRI and our members to this session once again.**

**GANHRI has over 100 members established pursuant to the UN Paris Principles and in keeping with various GA and HRC Resolutions that regularly call upon states to establish and strengthen our membership and enhance participation in all relevant UN mechanism; we wish to reiterate our strong support for CSW, the Beijing platform and assure of our commitment to deploying our diverse and extensive mandates to benefit women and girls to ensure and enhance inclusion, non-discrimination and equality at the national, regional and international level.**

**The following are some examples of the latest contribution of GANHRI’s contribution to the Beijing Platform and CSW;-**

**Last December, GANHRIs 13th International Conference was dedicated to**

**“Expanding the civic space and promoting and protecting human rights defenders, with a specific focus on women: The role of national human rights institutions”**

**Last week the Annual Conference in Geneva Ensuring human rights-based and gender-responsive implementation follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Migration**

**Both had actionable outcomes aligned to the SDGs and relevant international human rights instrument and will inform strategies and activities at the national regional and international level in the coming years.**

**. Our members will amplify, monitor and bring the rights of women and girls to the centre of legislative, policy and administrative interventions as follows:**

**• contribute to strengthening the institutional linkage between the national and international levels in relation to women’s rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women.**

**• engage and work cooperatively with UN agencies to implement gender equality and women’s human rights, in particular, with UN Women, as the lead UN agency on women’s rights.**

**• advance domestic implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the CSW resolutions holistically with all the other relevant human rights commitments., by monitoring follow up and implementation.**

**• undertake complaints, investigations and national inquiries into violations of women and girls’ human rights.**

**Your Excellency, over the years more members, and networks have participated in CSW through side events show casing best practice and challenges confronting women and girls as they pursue their rights. However, independent access to CSW remains a challenge and we humbly request the Secretariat, Bureau and member states to explore concrete ways to achieve the same.**