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- The creation of a €120 million fund to support organizations promoting women's and girls' rights in developing countries.
- France's financial support to girls' education in the Sahel
- The French government decision to host the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing.

The Women 7 will ensure that France implements these new commitments and effectively involves women's associations in all its public policies.

In the context of the French presidency of the G7, the Women 7 now calls on France and all G7 countries to complement these one-off initiatives with a significant and sustainable increase in official development assistance in favour of women's and girls' rights.

#### **Notes to the editors**

- The Women 7 (W7) movement brings together civil society organizations from G7 and developing countries involved in women's and girls' rights. Its mission is to ensure that concrete commitments to gender equality are made throughout the G7 process.
- According to the most recent OECD figures from 2016, France integrated gender equality in only 28% of its development aid and ranked second lowest among the G7 countries. Since 2013, France has committed to earmarking 50% of its development assistance to projects taking into account gender equality. The W7 calls on France to follow the example of countries which adopted a feminist approach to their development aid policy, and to commit to the European standard of allocating at least 85% of aid to projects which integrate gender equality as significant or main objective.



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Le temps passe, les inégalités persistent.**