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The United States of America, often referred to as the U.S. or America, is a country primarily located in North America. It is a federal republic consisting of 50 states, a federal district, five major self-governing territories and various possessions. USA, as a leading country with advantages in many areas in today's world, has been a very active country in terms of women's equality, especially with its youth. Its works have reflected the voice of the youth and encouraged women to find their place in a more equal world.

Agenda Item I : Youth's role in advancing gender equality and women's rights.

As a country where young minds and open thoughts are abundant and free, the USA has witnessed developments that led to many revolutions and innovations. Youth has a really important role in all of the countries who want to have a gender equality in their social world. For example, young people's ideas about women having the right to vote lead people in the future. The USA was one of the first countries to take big steps forward for women's suffrage right in the light of young ideas. (USA gave

women the right of suffrage of voting in some local elections just before the WW1) Just like this example, in the field of health and business, unlike most of the MENA countries, progress has been made by taking precautions and goals have been set for the future and solid steps are being taken. USA believes that the strenght of young minds will be for the good of the whole world.

Agenda Item II: Youth-led initiatives to tackle gender-based violence.

In the USA, most people, regardless of their gender or values, live together in general peace, or rather, there is a lot of mutual respect. But all over the world, most women are subjected to violence in many areas and the vast majority of people who use violance continue to use violance (physically, emotionally, sexually or economically) without compromising their self confidence and without fear of anyone due to reasons such as inadequacy of penal sanctions. Young people all over the world has taken a lot of actions to stop the violance for all genders, but for women especially, because people often see women as a symbol of weakness, despair and so being more impervious while doing mobbing or any type of violance in all areas in life. As USA we believe young women in all around the world should speak up and countries should take this problem onto the surface immediately.

Agenda Item III: Empowering young women through entrepreneurship and economic opportunities

Every topic we have mentioned so far has come to the agenda thanks to the question marks and good ideas in the minds of young people before the elderly. It is very important for all people that young ideas speak up and do not remain silent in the face of injustice or inequality. However, the most important and first need for young people, especially young women, to be able to express their ideas freely is to provide them with an environment. And it is for this very reason that the USA has various programs and privileges that support the economic opportunities of young women. For example, educational scholarships and grants support young women, especially in the STEM fields. In addition, some NGOs and private companies reach out to young women by offering mentoring programs, internship opportunities and the entrepreneurship support.

Agenda Item IV: Mentorship programs and leadership development for young women in politics and governance

There are many programs in the USA that provide political leadership training and mentoring for young women. To give a few examples of these practices, organizations and programs such as “Running Start” and “Emerge America” have training and resources to support high school and collage aged women to be more involved in the political arena. Some basic training (campaign management, policy making, communication, etc.) is provided to young women to radically eliminate inequality in women. As USA, we persistently believe that these programs should be available for all of the young women and they can use this opportunity. We shouldn't

forgot that if we can raise our young women well and educated, there is nothing we can't do about our women who can not stand up for themselves.

As USA we can say that women are so valuable in all terms in life, and also in society. The youth have an important and serious duty and role to prevent our women in the future from fighting the same inequalities alone and to prevent the efforts of all the women who have dealt with these difficulties in the past from being wasted.

We look forward to talking about these topics in more detail at the conference. We hope that this conference will help us to discuss new ways and actions to take for women as young people.

Sincerely,

Zeynep Güngörmüş.