

**Statement by ASTRA Network**  
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ASTRA Network's recommendations that we propose should be integrated into the Chair's Summary Report of the Beijing+20 UNECE Review Meeting

ASTRA welcomes the recommendations of the CSO NGO forum, particularly the centrality of SRHR to make the Beijing Platform for Action progress. However we would like to suggest the following recommendations to be included in the final outcome document of the Beijing+20 review meeting for ECE region.

1. Remove all legal, social and cultural barriers and ensure access to safe, comprehensive and high quality abortion services. Provide accurate and scientifically based information on abortion and take steps to remove stigmatisation and misinformation related to it.
2. Realize the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health and ensure continued, committed and sustained investments in women's and adolescent's sexual and reproductive health and rights by governments and donors.
3. Recognize that sexual and reproductive health and rights of all people, including those of adolescents, marginalised groups of women and those with diverse sexual orientation and gender identities are a fundamental part of universal human rights package.
4. Provide mandatory, non-discriminatory, non-judgemental, rights-based, gender-sensitive health education including youth-friendly, evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education which meets WHO standards and is provided accordingly with evolving youth capacities, in formal and non-formal education system.

Additionally ASTRA calls for regional recognition - Central Asia and Eastern Europe should be more explicitly mentioned across all recommendations.

We also propose the use of the word prostitution should be replaced with sex work.