

GWL Voices Insights

Key differences between CSW69 and CSW70 resolutions

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The two documents differ mainly in their purpose, scope, and level of political ambition. The CSW69 Political Declaration is a high-level, global statement adopted on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. It's meant to reaffirm political commitments, set overall direction, and signal renewed momentum for gender equality across the United Nations system and Member States. It explicitly encourages Member States to nominate women as candidates for the positions of Secretary-General and President of the General Assembly.

By contrast, the CSW70 draft zero is mostly an implementation-oriented text. It focuses narrowly but in detail on justice systems, legal reform, institutional capacity, funding, technology, and data. Its recommendations are primarily directed at national governments and justice institutions, with the United Nations system positioned mainly as a source of support and coordination. While it strongly promotes women's participation and gender parity in decision-making at national levels, it does not address UN leadership selection or senior global appointments. **Overall, CSW69 sets the political vision, while CSW70 translates gender equality commitments into concrete, sector-specific actions.**

CSW70 Rev.1 expands both scope and specificity. It deepens intersectional analysis, explicitly referencing structural discrimination, detention, trafficking, climate justice, digital governance, labour rights, and reparations mechanisms. It adds more technical detail, operational tools, and accountability language. Overall, the trajectory shows **increasing precision, institutional depth, and implementation focus over time.**

For CSW70 Rev.2 there isn't necessarily a wide expansion but rather technical refinement. There is stronger reaffirmation language and moves further into technical, institutional and budgetary detail.

The final version strengthens reaffirmation language and introduces clearer thematic organization, while moving further into institutional, procedural and budgetary detail, particularly on implementation mechanisms, digital governance and data. Some of the stronger political statements in the advance version are written in a more practical and technical way in Rev.2, so the final text focuses more on how to implement the commitments rather than just declaring them.

Mentioning of Key Words

There are notable differences in emphasis between the two documents based on terminology and subject matter:

- **CSW69** contains **43 mentions of "gender"** and **58 mentions of "women and girls."** It also **explicitly refers** to the Secretary-General by encouraging Member States to **nominate women candidates for the position of Secretary-General and President of the General Assembly.**
- **CSW70** contains **32 mentions of "gender"** and **21 mentions of "women and girls."** It **does not mention the Secretary-General;** however, it **does call for** the adoption of laws and time-bound policies **to achieve gender parity in decision-making positions** at all levels of public administration and the judiciary.
- **CSW70 Rev 1** contains **46 mentions of "gender"** and **74 mentions of "women and girls."** It **does not mention the Secretary-General election.**
- **CSW70 Rev 2** contains **40 mentions of "gender"** and **69 mentions of "women and girls."** It **does not mention the Secretary-General election.**
- The official **CSW70** contains **38 mentions of "gender"** and **79 mentions of "women and girls."** It **does not mention the Secretary-General election.**

| Mentions | CSW69 | CSW70 Draft Zero | CSW70 Rev 1 | CSW70 Rev 2 | Official CSW70 |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Gender | 43 | 32 | 46 | 40 | 38 |
| Women and girls | 58 | 21 | 74 | 69 | 79 |
| MSG | Explicit mentions | No mention | No mention | No mention | No mention |

Sources

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