

**Report of the United Arab Emirates on the Progress Made  
in Implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 2024\***

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## **Introduction**

- The United Arab Emirates demonstrates its commitment to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the national level through ongoing efforts and notable achievements in advancing and safeguarding women’s rights, as well as promoting their empowerment across political, economic, social and cultural spheres.
- In March 2020, the United Arab Emirates participated alongside other nations in adopting the Political Declaration at the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, wherein Member States pledged to intensify efforts towards the complete realization of the Declaration’s goals, which constitute the most comprehensive global framework for gender equality and women’s empowerment. The General Women’s Union recognizes its pivotal role as the national mechanism responsible for leading and supporting the advancement of women. Through collaboration with relevant stakeholders, it undertakes strategic initiatives to narrow the gender gap, thereby enhancing the country’s competitiveness in critical sectors such as health, education, economy and politics. This approach aligns with the objectives set forth in the United Arab Emirates’ National Policy for Empowerment of Emirati Women. The General Women’s Union emphasizes the importance of integrating these objectives into national executive plans, featuring measurable performance indicators, to guide decision-making, legislation, procedures and sustained activities that foster gender equality at all levels. This ensures systematic implementation and continuous evaluation of the policy’s main and subsidiary objectives.
- The General Women’s Union, in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Cabinet and the Executive Councils of each emirate or their designated representatives, serves as the principal entity overseeing the execution of the National Policy for Women’s Empowerment. Supporting partners include all federal, local and private ministries, agencies, institutions and civil society organizations.