



ACT GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM EVAW PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

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08.00-09.00 AM

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AGENDA



1. UN Women Presentation (25 mins)

- Background on the ACT Global Civil Society Platform call for proposals and expected results
- Selection and eligibility Criteria
- Mandatory documents to submit
- Tips to write a quality proposal

2. Q&A session (30 min)

3. Next Steps (5 mins)



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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS



WHAT?

👉 As part of the ACT Programme, UN Women is looking to identify one or multiple Responsible Parties to establish and lead a new ACT Global CSO Platform on EVAW.



WHO?

👉 Global feminist Women's Rights Organization (WRO) or a consortium of global and regional feminist women's rights organizations.

N.B. country level organizations are not eligible for this call for proposals.



HOW LONG?

👉 Partner agreement duration:
October 2024 to June 2026



HOW MUCH?

👉 Max. of 850,000 USD
(300,000 USD for Action Area 1 and 550,000 USD for Action Area 2)



Only one application per organization / consortium will be accepted for each Action Area.

APPLY AT:

act@unwomen.org

WHEN TO APPLY?

Deadline: 09 September 2024,
11:59 pm (New York time)



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BACKGROUND ON THE ACT GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM ON EVAW



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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACT PROGRAMME



- Joint Commitment between European Commission and UN Women to Action Coalition on GBV.
- 22 million Euro financial commitment by the EC
- Focus on Africa and Latin America & global component

Objective 1

- Strengthen coalition building, networking, leadership and resilience of global and regional feminist women's rights movements.

Objective 2

- Strengthen advocacy, campaigning and influence policymaking on EAW through multi-stakeholder partnerships and coalitions.

For more information on the ACT Programme visit:

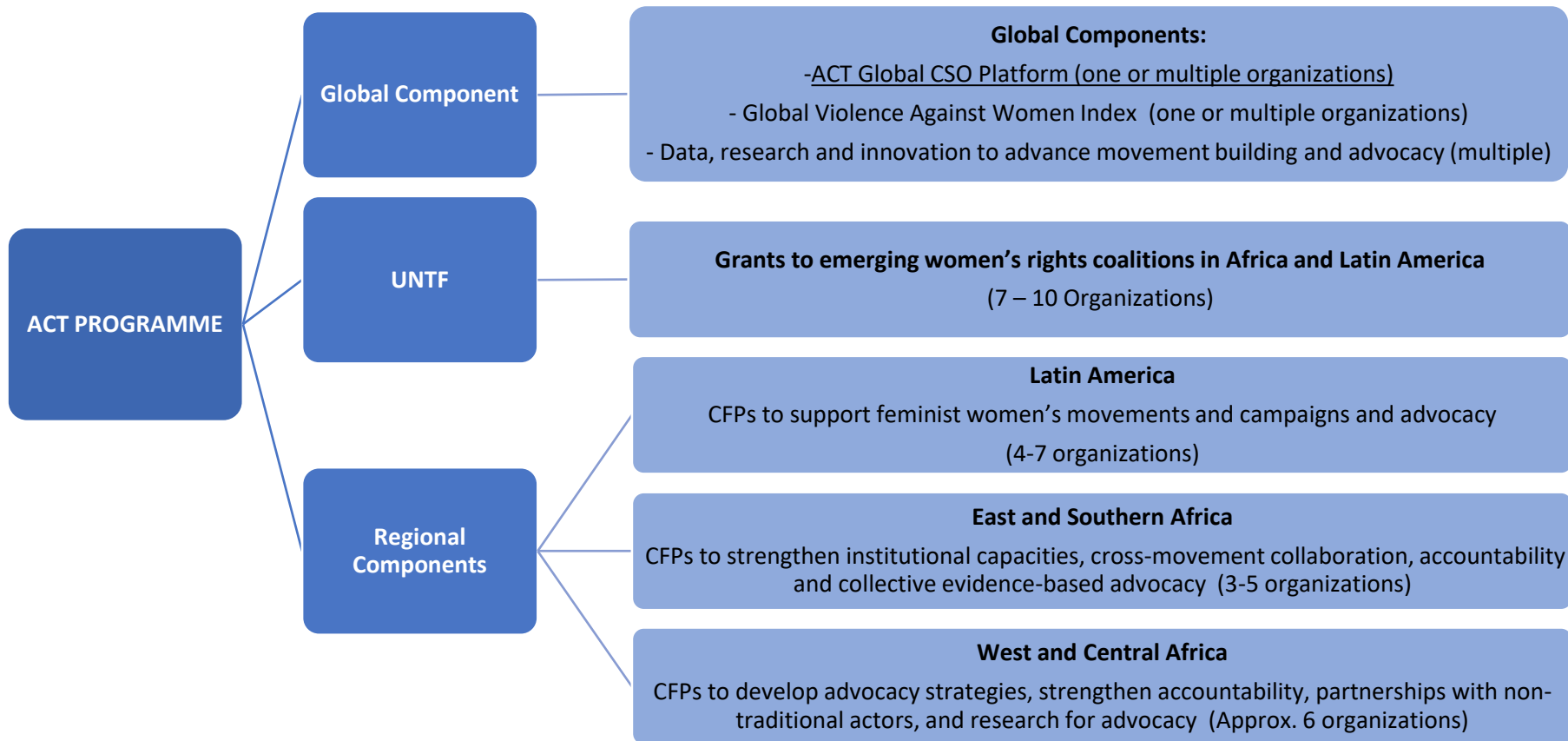
<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/act>



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OVERVIEW OF CALLS FOR PROPOSALS (CFP) WITHIN THE ACT PROGRAMME



KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE ACT GLOBAL CSO PLATFORM ON EVAW

- To facilitate networking, strategizing and coalition building between WROs across regions.
- To strengthen global advocacy on EVAWG through consensus building around a shared advocacy agenda.
- To elevate and amplify the voices and advocacy priorities of grassroots WROs and survivors.
- To strengthen solidarity and collective care in pushing forward against the pushback.
- To facilitate intersectional and intersectoral alliances to foster partnerships between WROs and CSOs across diverse sectors.



ROLE OF UN WOMEN

UN Women will serve as a strategic partner to the ACT CSO platform and as a co-convenor. This includes:

- Facilitating high-level political engagement
- Building bridges and facilitating collaboration with other multistakeholder platforms
- Facilitating engagement and collaboration with the EDVAW Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Violence against Women
- Build bridges between CSOs and other sectoral actors
- Supporting the development of strategic communication and resource mobilization for the Platform
- Convening CSOs during key strategic moments



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ROLE OF PROGRAMME PARTNER/CONSORTIA & RESULTS EXPECTED

- **Action Area 1: Strengthen coalition building, networking, leadership and resilience of global and regional feminist women's rights movements**
- **Max budget: \$300,000 USD**
- **Work with UN Women to ensure the set-up and co-hosting of the ACT Global CSO Platform on EVAW.**
 - N.B The ACT Global Platform on EVAW will be convened as a virtual network.
- **Convene women's rights and civil society organizations to create space for solidarity, organizing and strategizing including through cross-sectoral and intersectional alliances.**
 - Create a space for feminist networking, strategizing and co-creating
 - Facilitate sharing of knowledge and foster cross-regional learning
 - Support collective care and solidarity
 - Facilitating skill sharing and capacity strengthening including through digital learning sessions and facilitating cross-sectoral and intersectional spaces for learning across diverse fields



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ROLE OF PROGRAMME PARTNER/CONSORTIA & RESULTS EXPECTED

- **Action Area 2: Strengthen advocacy and campaigning to influence policymaking on EAW**
- **Max budget:** 550,000 USD
- **Development and implementation of a shared advocacy agenda and amplifying the advocacy priorities of women's rights movements in global advocacy spaces.**
- **Coordinate EAWG advocacy and develop strategic partnerships and alliances:**
 - Developing a shared advocacy agenda through inclusive processes
 - Developing a road map/action plan, identifying key advocacy strategies
 - Mobilize solidarity actions in response to threats, crises, rollback in laws and policies
 - Coalition building, forging strategic partnerships and alliances with other organizations and relevant stakeholders to advance and amplify joint advocacy agenda
- **Develop and implement communication strategy in partnership with UN Women.**
 - Co-creating and implementing a comprehensive strategic communications plan to amplify advocacy priorities and to mobilize support, engage relevant stakeholder and influence decision makers

SEE PAGES 6-9 OF THE TORs IN THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS AND INDICATORS OF SUCCESS FOR BOTH ACTION AREAS.



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SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - *PLEASE SEE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS/PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA IN ANNEX B-1*

- 1. Must be a global feminist women's rights organization or a consortium of global and regional feminist women's rights organizations** with expertise, experience and capacity as outlined in the required competencies.
- 2. If applying as a consortium,** the proposal must specify which organization is the lead organization and which organizations are sub-partners. The **lead organization must meet the mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria** in Annex B-1 of the call for proposal
- 3. Legal status and registration (5 years), exceptional circumstances 3 years**
Applicants also need to provide the legal registration documents of sub-partners
- 4. Demonstrated operational, financial, and technical experience** for a project of this size/scope

***N.B.** If the organization or consortia is backed by a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor cannot outsource all the work and must meet the mandatory requirements including the technical requirements.*



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REQUIRED COMPETENCIES *PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 9-10 OF THE TOR*

Must be a global feminist women's rights organization or a consortium of global and regional feminist women's rights organizations **with proven expertise, experience and capacity in the below:**

- 1. Must have demonstrable experience in movement building and coordination and capacity to convene women's rights organizations across regions globally.**
- 2. Expertise and at least five years of experience in the field of ending violence against women and girls with diverse capacities and areas of expertise**, such as policy analysis, global advocacy and feminist campaigning to influence policy decisions (including through the development of joint statements, shadow reports, briefs and other policy advocacy actions), engaging in accountability mechanisms and global policy spaces. **In exceptional circumstances three years of experience may be accepted.**
- 3. Demonstrable capacity to bring together feminist women's rights and civil society organizations to build consensus, managing diverse perspectives, co-create strategies and tactics to advance a collective advocacy agenda across regions globally.**
- 4. Experience in strategic communications.** This includes developing advocacy campaigns and awareness raising
- 5. Experience with and capacity to carry out grant management, if grantmaking is included in the proposal**
- 6. Experience in Partnership Development**, including experience engaging with different stakeholders



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INELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following are **NOT eligible** under this call for proposals:

- ✘ Organizations that do not meet the **mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria** as outlined in **Annex B-1**.
- ✘ Organizations that do not have the **required experience and capacities** as outlined in the required competencies section of the terms of reference within the Call for Proposals (pages 9-10)
- ✘ **Country level organizations are not eligible for this call for proposals.** Proposals from organizations who work primarily at the country level will not be considered.
- ✘ **Government** agencies or institutions, **UN** agencies or UN Country Teams, **Private** individuals and **Private** sector entities. Universities registered as a Civil Society organization are eligible but for-profit private universities and government Universities cannot apply.
- ✘ Organizations that **do not have the legal basis as an organization** or that **cannot provide legal registration documents**.
- ✘ **International Non-Governmental Organizations, whose core mandates is not on advancing gender equality and women's rights are not eligible**, because the ACT Programme seeks to strengthen feminist women's rights organizations.



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IMPORTANT POINTS FOR CONSORTIUM APPLICATIONS

If applying as a consortium, please note the following:

- **The lead organization must be specified in the proposal**, so it is clear which organization is the lead organization and which organizations are sub-partners. There can only be one lead organization. Other consortium members are considered sub-partners.
 - **N.B. country level organizations are not eligible for this call for proposals.**
- The lead organization must meet the competencies criteria outlined on pages 9-10 of the TOR or must demonstrate clearly how collectively with sub-partner(s) they meet this criteria.
- **The lead organization must also meet all the minimum criteria outlined in Annex B-1.**
- **The lead organization must be a global or regional women's rights organization pursuing feminist objectives.**



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MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT AS PART OF PROPOSAL



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THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION

- ✓ Submit completed Annex B-1 (must be completed by the lead organization)
- ✓ Evidence of being a women's rights, women-led and/or constituent-led organization
- ✓ Evidence of specialized knowledge and expertise (with dates and duration) on:
 - **At least five years of experience in the field of ending violence against women and girls with diverse capacities and areas of expertise**, such as policy analysis, global advocacy and feminist campaigning to influence policy decisions (including through the development of joint statements, shadow reports, briefs and other policy advocacy actions), engaging in accountability mechanisms and global policy spaces
- ✓ Legal registration (lead and consortium members if any)
- ✓ Two references letters demonstrating a track record of your experience/expertise
- ✓ Submit all the mandatory documents under Annex B-4 (see next slide)
- ✓ Audited statements referred to under Annex B-4 should cover years 2021, 2022 & 2023



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✓ Annex B-4

| Document | Mandatory / Optional |
|---|----------------------|
| Governance, Management and Technical | |
| Organization's legal registration documentation | Mandatory |
| Rules of governance of the organization | Mandatory |
| Organigram of the organization | Mandatory |
| List of key management at organization | Mandatory |
| CVs of key personnel of organization who are proposed for the engagement with UN Women | Mandatory |
| Details of organization's anti-fraud policy framework (which shall be consistent with UN Women's anti-fraud policy) | Mandatory |
| Details of organization's PSEA policy framework | Optional |
| Documentation evidencing training offered by organization to its employees and associated personnel on prevention and response to SEA. | Mandatory |
| Organization's policy and procedure documents in respect to grant-making (if grant-making activities are included in the UN Women Terms of Reference of the CFP) | Mandatory |
| Organization's policy and procedure for selecting partners (if sub-partner/s are going to be used) | Mandatory |
| Administration and Finance | |
| Administrative and financial rules of the organization | Mandatory |
| Details of the organization's internal control framework | Mandatory |
| Audited statements of the organization during last 3 years | Mandatory |
| List of banks with which organizational bank accounts are held | Mandatory |
| Name of external auditors of organization | Optional |
| Procurement | |
| Organization's procurement policy/manual | Mandatory |
| Templates of the solicitation documents for procurement of goods/services (e.g., request for quotation (FRQ), request for proposal (RFP) etc.) used by organization | Mandatory |
| List of main suppliers/vendors of organization and copies of their contract(s) including evidence of their selection processes | Mandatory |
| Client Relationship | |
| List of main clients/donors of organization | Mandatory |
| Two references for organization | Mandatory |
| Past reports to clients/donors of organization for last 3 years | Mandatory |



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KEY COMPONENTS TO BE INCLUDED

1. **Organizational Background and Capacity** to implement activities to achieve planned results (max 1.5 pages)
2. **Expected Results and Indicators** (max 1.5 pages)
3. Description of **Technical Approach** and **Activities** (max 2.5 pages)
4. **Implementation Plan** (max 1.5 pages) including **Monitoring and Evaluation plan** (max 1 page)
5. **Risks to Successful Implementation** (max 1 page)



Component 6: Results Based Budget

| Result 1 (e.g., Output) Repeat this table for each result ⁴ . | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Expenditure Category | Year 1 [Kes] | Year 2 (Kes) | Total [Kes] | Total (US\$) | Percentage Total |
| 1. Personnel | | | | | |
| 2. Equipment/Materials | | | | | |
| 3. Training/Seminars/Travel Workshops | | | | | |
| 4. Contracts | | | | | |
| 5. Other costs ⁵ | | | | | |
| 6. Incidentals | | | | | |
| 7. Other support requested | | | | | |
| 8. Support costs (not to exceed 7% or the relevant donor percentage) | | | | | |
| Total Cost for Result 1 | | | | | |

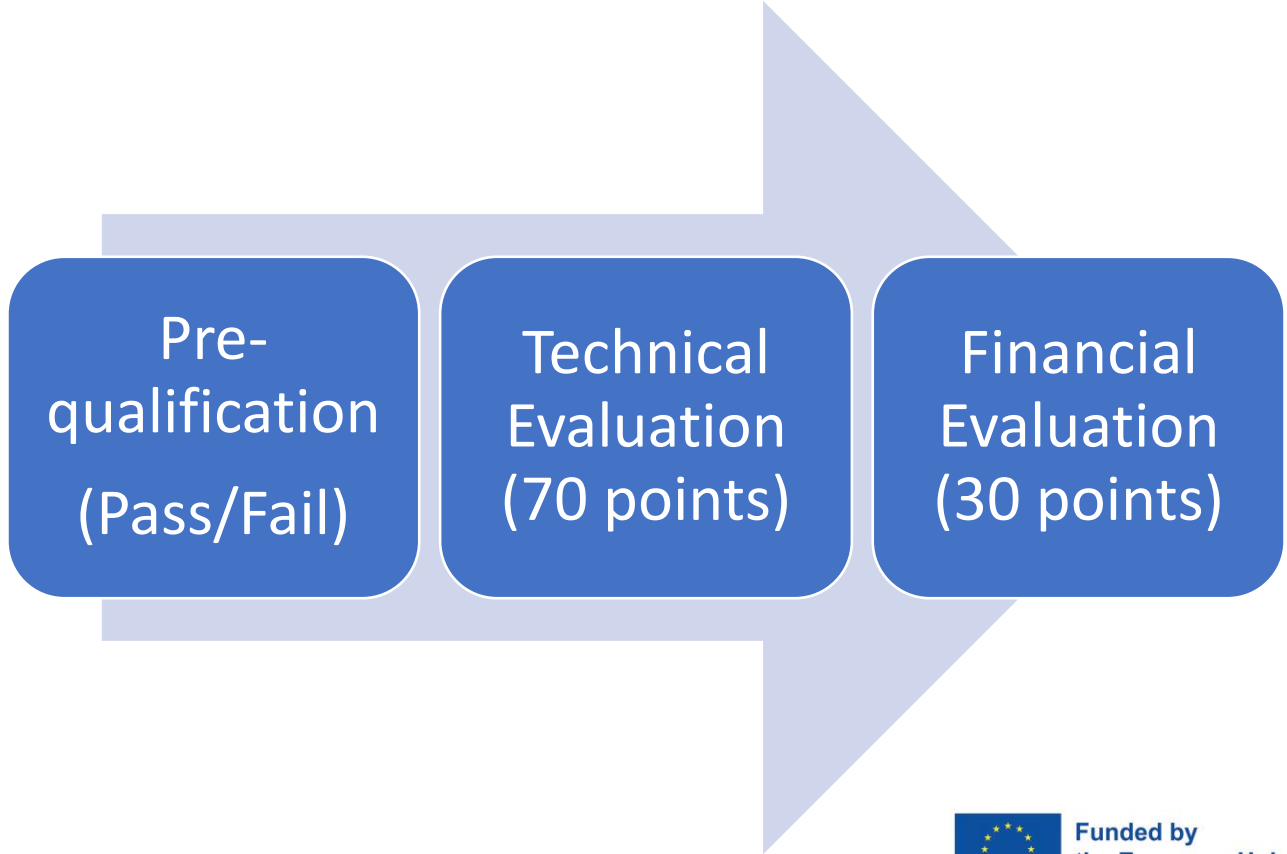
- ✓ Maximum for personnel related costs on a proposal - 20% of programming costs;
- ✓ Between 3-5% for audits (to be retained by UN Women for Responsible Party audits) (may change as per the annual audit cost);
- ✓ 3% for monitoring and evaluation; and
- ✓ Up to 7% (as per EU requirements) – support costs including (utilities, rent and other operational costs not directly connected to project.).



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EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS



TIPS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A QUALITY PROPOSAL



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TIPS FOR A QUALITY PROPOSAL

- **Align proposal to the expected results:** Scope of proposal must be aligned to expected results & cover work and functions outlined in the CFP. Pay special attention to the key indicators of success.
- **Leave No One Behind:** Outline how intersectional alliances will be established and ensure meaningful engagement of WRO's, **survivor groups**, CSO's representing women and girls in all their diversity in order to **leave no one behind**.
- **Consensus building:** Describe how diverse perspectives will be considered and balanced. Facilitate consensus building on contentious issues in the development of the shared advocacy agenda.
- **Strategic and results-oriented advocacy plan:** Include key strategic advocacy moments & strategies to mobilize support & accelerate action on EAW globally, regionally and at country level.
- **Country level engagement:** Highlight strategies for ensuring strong connections and engagement with women's rights movements at the national level.



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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NEXT STEPS

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| Publication of presentation & summary of Q&A in this session | Will be uploaded to the website shortly after the conference |
| Deadline for any further questions | September 02, 2024 act@unwomen.org |
| Deadline for publication of all final responses | Final consolidated responses: to be published on September 04, 2024 Kindly note that we will be periodically updating responses to individual questions on the website here . |
| Deadline for CFP | September 9, 2024 |



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