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'Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action', often seen in the news, is (a) a strategy to tackle the regional terrorism, an outcome of a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (b) a plan of action for sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific Region, an outcome of the deliberations of the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum (c) an agenda for women's empowerment, an outcome of a World Conference convened by the United Nations (d) a strategy to combat wildlife trafficking, a declaration of the East Asia Summit Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation deals with regional security, including terrorism, but the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is not an SCO counter-terror strategy. This option is not the key.

(b)

APEC (not 'Asia-Pacific Economic Forum' as labelled here) issues economic declarations; the Beijing Platform is not an APEC growth plan. This option is therefore wrong.

(c) Official key

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) is the outcome of the **Fourth World Conference on Women**, convened by the United Nations. It is an agenda for women's empowerment and gender equality. This option is the official key.

(d)

Wildlife trafficking and the East Asia Summit are unrelated to this **UN women's** conference document. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) an agenda for women's empowerment from a UN World Conference. Beijing 1995 remains the landmark global framework on women. SCO, APEC and EAS documents are separate. The place-name Beijing should not be read as a China-led security club. Only (c) is accurate.

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Fourth World Conference on Women

Beijing, 1995

CEDAW

UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979

UN Women

Entity created 2010; monitors Beijing follow-up among other mandates

Twelve critical areas

Platform for Action clusters (poverty, education, violence, economy, etc.)

Mexico 1975

First UN World Conference on Women

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