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Mrs. Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

I thank you for the o ortunity to address the Co!!ission

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- ii. + e have a gender statistics data0ase and have also launched indicators for ! easuring gender e:uality.
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