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BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE,
AMBASSADOR YURIY SERGEYEV ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES

on the occasion of the General Assembly Commemorative
for the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the

Mr. President,
Distinguished Ministers,
Excellencies,

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making, preventive diplomacy, conflict-resolution negotiations and post-conflict peacebuilding and reconstruction. Perhaps the most insidious barrier to women's equal participation in leadership roles is the persistence of stereotypes towards women, which perpetuate discrimination and entrenched prejudices.

These challenges can be met only if we enable women to build on the best this world has to offer, rather than condemn them to suffer the worst of it. That means, above all, that women must be educated and enabled to play their part in the global economy, life of their families, communities, states.

Mr. President,

and the Deputy Secretary-General for

their leadership and crucial support for gender reform and promotion of Beijing agenda. We recognize the vital importance of a strengthened United Nations gender architecture in advancing women's rights and believe that the new entity will bring an important shift to the work of the UN in the area of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

It is also imperative to involve all actors in the implementation of the gender agenda: men and women in general, governments, parliaments, civil society — including the private sector, social partners, non-governmental organizations and international, regional, national and local institutions. We must all