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Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentleman,

Poland is taking the floor for the first time during the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. I would like to join the previous speakers in congratulating you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

It is my great privilege to participate in the 54th session celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as well the tenth anniversary of the outcome document of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Session of the 2000 General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

While I appreciate the statement delivered earlier by the distinguished representative of Spain on behalf of the European Union, Poland would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate our understanding that any reference to the sexual and reproductive rights of women made in the statement by the Ad Hoc Group for countries was an encouragement to the promotion of abortion.

Mr. Chairman,

Please be assured of Finland's commitment to the realization of the objectives of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

We are looking forward to working with you and other delegations to achieve this goal.

I thank you all.