women's movement. This provides an important opportunity in the context of the reform of the United Nation's work on gender equality.

In addition, the Commission will evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the forty-eighth session of the Commission on "Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peacebuilding".

The Commission at its last session, benefited greatly from this Committee's inputs in the forms of contributions by your Chairperson and other Committee experts. Both the topics under consideration at the next session have been regularly discussed by this Committee in the framework of consideration of States parties' reports. We therefore look forward to your contributions to the work of the Commission also in 2008.

The Division plans to hold an Expert Group Meeting on financing for gender equality from 4 to 7 September 2007 in Oslo, Norway. We will also host an online discussion in June/July. The discussion will centre on a different theme each week. The themes will be (1) Public finance: Using budgets for promoting gender equality; (2) Bilateral and multilateral assistance: The way forward for promoting gender equality; and (3) Funds and Foundations: Mobilizing privat