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Closing remarks
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Madam Chairperson
Distinguished members of the Committee

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you, Madam Chairperson, and all members of the Committee on the successful completion of the work of the thirty-ninth session. You have dealt with a challenging and significant volume of work. I wish to pay tribute to the commitment and hard work of all experts under the able leadership of the Chairperson and Bureau members in both chambers. Your expertise and experience have indeed resulted in a most productive session with many thoughtful discussions.

Madam Chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

You have held successful constructive dialogues with 15 States parties, with all the hours of work that this has entailed. Chamber A examined the reports of seven States parties, namely: Belize, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan and Singapore; as did Chamber B which considered the reports of: Brazil, Estonia, Kenya, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and Republic of Korea. One State party - Cook Islands - reported to the Committee for the first time since its accession to the Convention on 11 August 2006, and the Committee considered its report in plenary. You have studied voluminous materials submitted by the NGOs, and by the entities of the United Nations system.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the fifteen States parties for their reports, the written responses to the lists of issues and questions of the Committee, the oral presentaJ17.50inous Btuumasrasrinousw3mber (oralai ntaJ179) asrTwg70.0004 1.15 TDICthe CommembeGC

Your work and the significant public attention it generates at the national level in the reporting States, highlights the obligations of the States parties for action to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women in

Division and Ms. Christine Brautigam, the Chief of the Women's Rights Section, for the leadership they provided in supporting the Committee.

In closing, I wish you, Madam Chairperson and all members of the Committee a safe journey home, and look forward to meet you again at future sessions. I extend my best wishes to the Committee as you settle in your new location in Geneva.

Thank you.
