



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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Madam Chair,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. First, allow me to extend our warm congratulations and welcome, to you as Chair of the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and to the members of your Bureau. The

Madam Chair,

10. The Group of 77 emphasizes the importance of family and family programmes in the prevention of violence against women and girls, and that it should be raised in the current discussions of the MDGs, SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda. Family is the foundation of every society and the social state of a nation is a reflection of the state of families within such nation. Effective implementation of policies and programmes that strengthen the well being of families may reduce and eliminate violence against women and girls in the family.

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