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Madam Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau for the excellent manner you have been guiding the work of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Whipic wishes to associate itself with the Statement made by Fiji on behalf of Group of 77 and

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (**CEDAW**) and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

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I am glad to report that the **Government of Ethiopia** has taken a number of concrete measures to eliminate violence against women. The adoption of the revised Criminal Code, the Family

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It is important that we recognize and address the cultural issues that perpetuate the suffering of women. In many cultures the views and insight of women and girls are generally undervalued or

