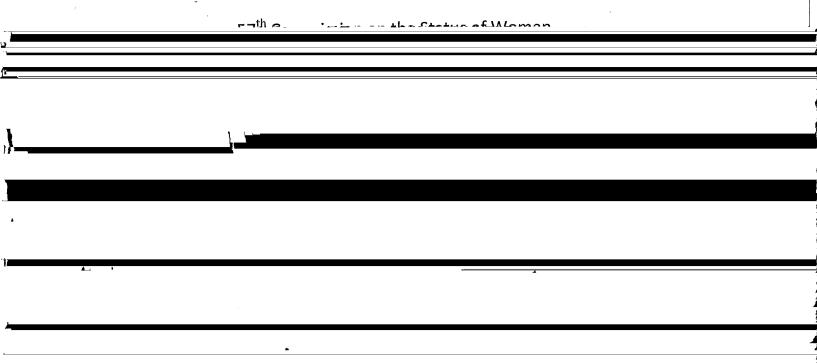


Statement by

Vice President of Kiribati, Honourable Ms Teima Onorio

For the



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Ladies and gentlemen

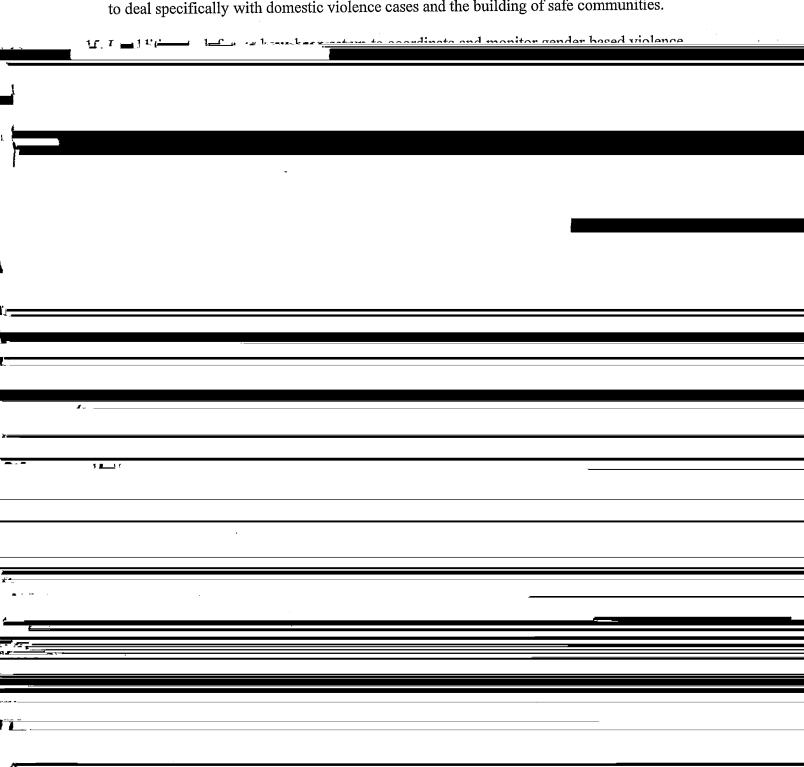
- 1. I am indeed honored to address this august 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on behalf of my country Kiribati and bring you warm greetings this morning.. **Kam na mauri**.
- 2. We from Kiribati fully support and align ourselves with the Pacific Islands Forum Statement (to be) delivered by the Prime Minister of Tuvalu on the priority theme: Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.



13. A draft policy on Gender equality and Women Development Policy focuses on creating an enabling environment for gender mainstreaming, economic empowerment, access to services and the advancement of women.

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14. Action on the ground has seen among others, the institutionalization of domestic violence within the Police training curriculum and establishment of 2 units with the Police Service to deal specifically with domestic violence cases and the building of safe communities.



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