



Madam Chair,

Allow me to congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your election, and to express my confidence that under your able leadership the work of this session will be

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We recognize that issues related to gender-based violence are not confined to women, consequently programmes and projects have been formulated to bring about the social and economic changes to create an environment which supports the elimination of gender-based violence. To this end, the Defining Masculine Excellence Programme; the Gender on Your Agenda Television Panel Series and Radio Programme and Street Theatres are tools of public sensitization.

Another important initiative is the economic empowerment of women through skills training which aim to reduce their vulnerability to abuse through, for example, increased