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- (a) Advancement of Women**
- (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**

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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of Indonesia is in full support of agenda item 56 concerning the advancement of women. We wish to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports and the recommendations contained therein. In contributing to this item, Indonesia aligns itself with the statement by the distinguished Representative of Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Indonesia believes that no society can aim for genuine people-centered development if it [redacted] leave women behind. That is why Indonesia wishes at the outset to reiterate its

firm commitment to the full implementation of the relevant resolutions before us. We therefore welcome the opportunity to share with other Member States the progress being made to improve the quality of life enjoyed by women in Indonesia.

Indonesia recognizes the need for women to live with boundless opportunities to enjoy their fundamental human rights. We have diligently sought to create those conditions that will facilitate the achievement of such ideals. But there have been myriad social, economic and

There are other threats which compromise women's health. Displacement and

deprivation take a heavy toll on the health and well-being of women. Without steady income from decent employment, women are made dependents who often have to suffer various forms of abuse to live. These factors prevent women from maximizing their potential.

Due to these painful realities, there has been a developing culture of zero tolerance for violence against women. Acts of violence including rape is treated as a serious criminal

offence. Women's rights are also protected through laws that outlaw domestic violence. Similarly, the Law on Human Trafficking in 2007 safeguards the rights of female migrant workers.

To reduce poverty among women, the National Strategy to Alleviate Poverty has been in place since 2005. Among its many goals are employment creation and capacity building for needy men and women. In addition, laws on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as well as on Cooperatives are being developed to help women with business ambitions to achieve their goal.