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**Statement by H.E. Mrs. Byrganym Aitimova,
the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan
to the UN at the Third Committee general discussion on the**

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**Dear Mr. Chair,
Distinguished Colleagues,**

In the outset of my statement I would like to express gratitude to the Secretary-General for the thematic reports prepared by his staff for the current general discussion. I would also like to wish you, Mr. Chair, all the success in leading this session today on such an important issue. Now that we have recently reviewed Millennium Development Goals achievement progress at the midpoint to 2015, we know that progress on the advancement of women being a focus of several MDGs is among the most difficult.

Mr. Chair,



Extensive work is conducted nationwide for preventing, suppressing and

welcomes the new tendencies in integrating the best practices of gender budgeting into its national system.

One of the major aspects of advancement of women is their decent employment and increasing role in economic development. Our Long Term Gender

Equality Strategy sets forth the establishment of the system of women's training for decision-making, as well as state and public-private investing in social projects

Mr. Chair,

Despite my country's great accomplishments and the efforts to ensure equal

rights and opportunities for women, we still face some challenges in this area. Discrimination of women in the labor market, lack of awareness of gender issues among boys and men, negative aspects of culture, including, for example, sex stereotyping, remain a major hindrance to the advancement of women. Recognizing