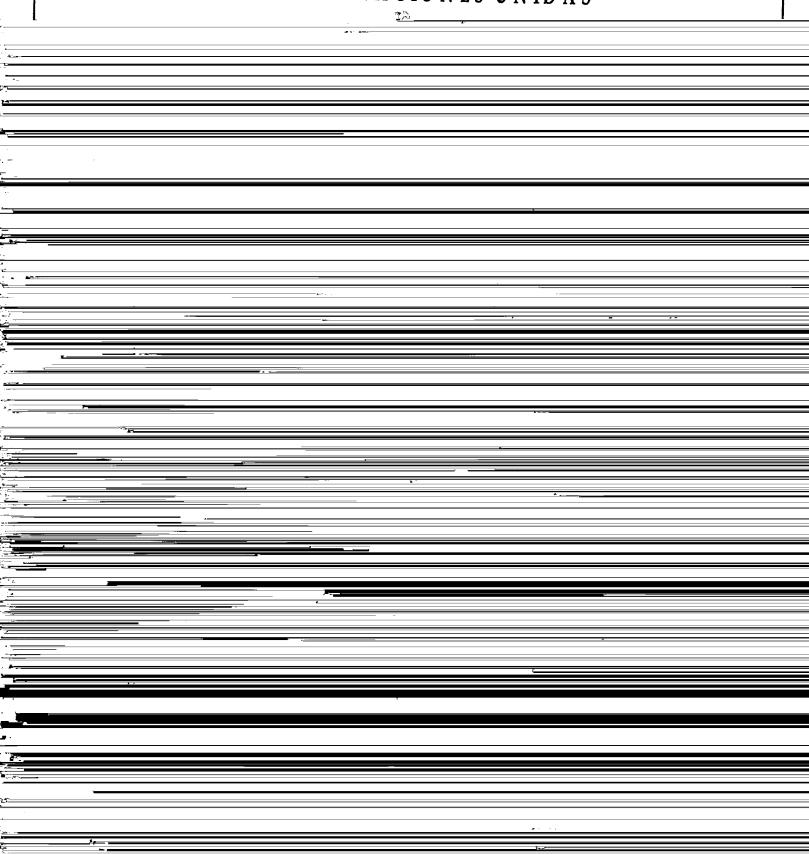
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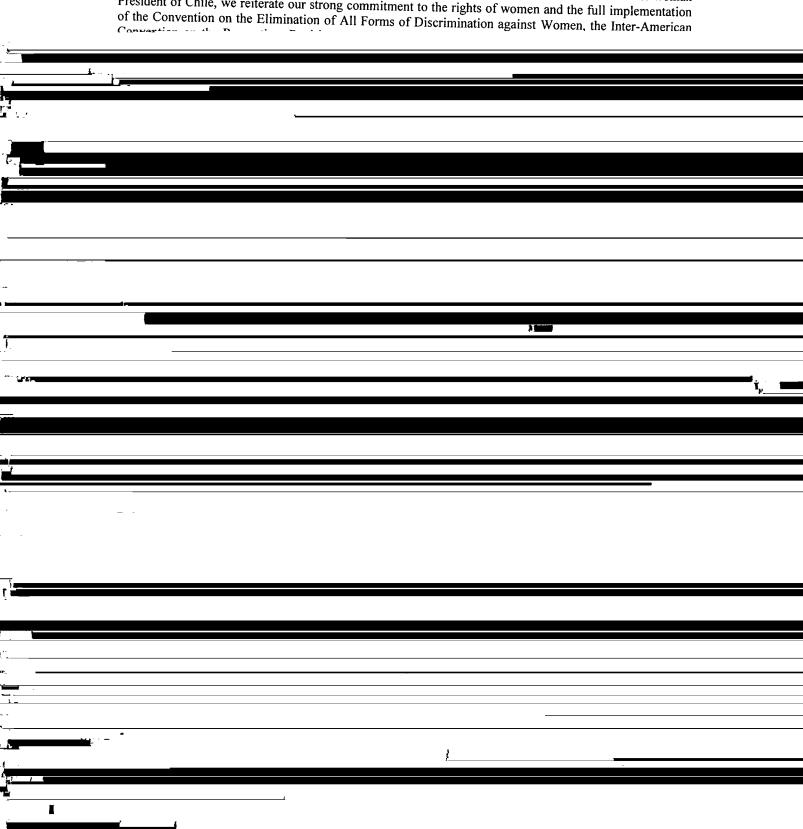
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Mr. Chairman,

Chile endorses the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Mexico on behalf of the Rio Group.

Gender equality and women's independence have been a major focus of the Government of H.E. President Michelle Bachelet. Accordingly, as we near the end of her term of office as the first woman President of Chile, we reiterate our strong commitment to the rights of women and the full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Inter-American



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