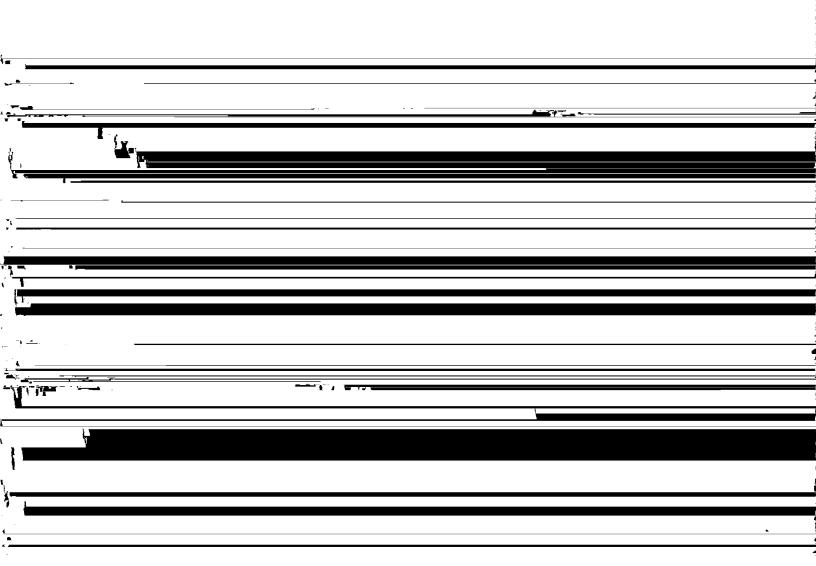
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STATEMENT

## Mr. Chairperson

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	efforts to empower women. In addition, we are faced with a serious challenge of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. In this regard, it is essential that concerted efforts must be taken to assist developing countries to build capacity in response to the crises taking into account the needs and priorities of women.
	Mr. Chairperson,
	We note with appreciation the achievements of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women in monitoring the implementation of the Convention, while recognizing the continuing existence of discriminatory laws and practices against women throughout

the world. In the same vein, we acknowledge and commend the work that UNIFEM continues to undertake in a broad array of areas of women

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