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Mr. Chainnan,

Since it Is the first time that my delegation is taking the floor in this Committee, let me convey my sincere congratulations on your election as the Chair of the Third Committee and wish you and the members of the Bureau a very successful session.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the representative of Belgium on behalf of the European Union.

Mr. Chairman,

This year has been marked with a transformative decision to create a new and stronger entity, the UN Women. Georgia welcomes its establishment as a basis for strengthening a gender pillar, which is poised to better address the challenges related to gender equality and empowerment of women worldwide. We believe that the UN Women would

to single out two major laws adopted recentlyof

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political partIcipation. It also introduces a gender-responsive planning and budgeting by the government.

Another orie, the Law on Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection of and Support to Its Victims, substantially amended in 2009, represents a commitment to address domestic violence through a wide range ofsocial and legal services. The law strengthens the efforts to prevent and combat domestic violence by promptly responding to reports on violence, providing victims with! shelter facilities, and ensuring the safety of whistleblowers, among other measures. \

The major driving force behind these undertakings has been the Gender Equality Advisory Council, a group promoting the gender agenda throughout state agencies, and raising public awareness. viki1e9 0655Tj 0556r672 0 hav16Tj d -ge0,aA