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Statement by Ambassador WANG Min at the High Level
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Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement made by Argentina on behalf of the G77 and China.

My delegation welcomes the presentation by Ms. Lakshmi Puri, UN Women Deputy Director and Assistant Secretary-General, on the work of UN Women since its establishment. UN Women has carried out effective work in addressing the challenges to which China would like to express its appreciation. We hope that UN Women will continue to play a leading role in the field of international women's affairs, maintain the momentum of the global endeavor on behalf of women and push for new progress in this field.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation has taken a leading role in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the outcome of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly. We are in favor of the Secretary-General's initiatives of incorporating the enhancement of the economic empowerment of rural women and children into national development strategies and plans and introducing gender perspective in inter-governmental processes. As stated in the Women Strategic Plan 2011-2013, at the threshold of the second decade of the 21st century, the cause of world's women faces both opportunities and challenges. We are encouraged to see that the international community has become increasingly aware of the need for gender equality and women's empowerment. Various multilateral and regional mechanisms have been set up towards this end and many countries are incorporating gender equality into their development strategies. There are more and more outstanding females in politics, economy and academe.

... However, it is also the disturbing reality that discrimination against women remains widespread around the world, and family violence and trafficking of women and children continue despite repeated attempts to... problems like the financial crisis, social instability, natural disaster, political divide and inadequate social service seriously hinder women's development. We still have a long way to go before the full realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

... and these characteristics show how to improve women's development and effectively elevate their status should be a subject of attention and serious consideration for the United Nations and the international community as a whole. China addresses the priority areas of work identified by UN Women, namely, expanding women's voice, leadership and participation, enhancing women's... and promoting the agenda of women. In addition, China is of the view that:

... should be given to safeguarding the rights and interests of women in the post-economic crisis era. It is often said that "poverty has a woman's face", meaning that women are the primary victims of poverty. In this increasingly globalized world, women bear a significant amount of the effects of economic and social crises. The feminization of poverty is becoming more pronounced and challenges to women's development and empowerment are growing. Countries must take effective measures to provide women with vocational training, health care, legal advice and other services and help them address real-life difficulties in employment, medical care and... etc.

... development and empowerment of women. Ultimately, the issue of women is the issue of development. Only through steady development can countries provide strong material and technical support for empowerment of women; and only through the empowerment of women can women's potential be fully tapped as a driving force for social development. Gender mainstreaming, integrate women's empowerment in the strategy for political, economic and social development, and realize the comprehensive participation of women in the process of promoting social development.

... international cooperation should be strengthening in a joint effort to advance the cause of women. Only through dialogue and cooperation is the only way to achieve win-win results. The cause of world's women is the cause of women of every country and for the whole humanity. As such, it needs the close cooperation of all countries for its advancement. China expresses its support for the United Nations in continuing to play a leading role in world women's affairs and for... principle of national ownership to

women-related work in developing countries. We also support UN Women in increasing
out exchanges and cooperations with governments on the basis of mutual respect, trust
consultation on an equal footing and seeking common grounds despite
differences, and working together with them to strive for gender equality and the
empowerment of women.

Mr. Chairman,

China has always attached great importance to the cause of women and worked
conscientiously to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. This
year, my government promulgated the Outline for Women, which outlines major goals and policy measures in the seven areas of health
education, economy, political participation, social security, environment and law.
China has adopted legislative and other measures to promote women's participation in
political life. Currently, we have joint women leaders at the national level, three
women ministers, and more than 670 women mayors. In the coming decade, China
will make comprehensive efforts in the afore-mentioned seven areas further
advance the rights and interests of women.

Mr. Chairman,

Attaching high importance to international cooperation in the field of women,
China has been working in earnest to implement the Convention on the Elimination of
All Forms of Discrimination against Women and has also taken an active, full and
constructive part in the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of
Woman and the Executive Board of UN Women Group. In the future, the Chinese
government will continue to work relentlessly to expand and deepen international
cooperation, further strengthen communications, consultations and dialogues with
various parties, in order to safeguard women's rights and interests, improve their
status and play a more active role in the international cause of women.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

women-related work in developing countries. We also support UN Women in carrying out exchanges and cooperation with governments on the basis of mutual respect, consultation on an equal footing and seeking common grounds while putting aside differences and working together with them to strive for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Mr. Chairman,

China has always attached great importance to the cause of women and worked conscientiously to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. This year, my government promulgated the Outline for the Development of Chinese Women, which identifies major goals and policy measures in the seven areas of health, education, economy, political participation, social security, environment and law. China has adopted legislative and other measures to promote women's participation in political life. China has 27.9% women ministers and more than 670 women mayors. In the coming decade, China will make comprehensive efforts in the above-mentioned seven areas to further

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.