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Mr. Chairman

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UNIFEM will seize the opportunity to address the Commission on the thematic issue of

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transmission of HIV increased from 10 per cent in 2004 to 45 percent in 2008, however, only 21 per cent of pregnant women received HIV testing and counseling, and only one third of those

identified as HIV-positive during antenatal care were subsequently assessed for their eligibility to receive antiretroviral therapy for their own health.

Much of the current international effort to combat HIV/AIDS assumes that women and men are equal, and are therefore equally empowered to protect themselves, make decisions

