



The Activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
to Eliminate Violence against Women

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Mr. Chairperson, distinguished delegates, colleagues and friends:

I am honoured to have the opportunity to address this 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, and to present to you the Note from the Secretary-General on the Activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to eliminate violence against women, which also includes a report on the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (A/HRC/10/43- E/CN.6/2009/10).

I am pleased to present this year's report in the context of system-wide efforts to

making and care-giving responsibilities.

Mr. Chairperson and distinguished delegates: Since its inception, the UN Trust Fund
has been a key global mechanism of

Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa and Thailand. As UN Trust Fund administrator, UNIFEM continues to explore opportunities for expanded UN country team roles in enhancing its effectiveness and impact, especially at the country level.

Ensuring efficiency Across its operations, the UN Trust Fund relies on minimal staffing

and investment on the... ..

total contributions. For the period 2005-2008, total contributions, including pledges, have amounted to a total of \$40 million, with \$22 million available for grant-making in 2008.

I would like to thank Member States who contributed in 2008, including Australia, Austria, Brazil, Finland, Ireland, Lichtenstein, the Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States of America; as well as the Avon Empowerment Fund, Johnson and Johnson and Tag Hauer; the UN Foundation, ~~Ciampi for Peace Foundation, Zonta International, UNIFEM National Commission of~~

Austria, Iceland, Italy, and the United States of America. UNIFEM's Goodwill

Ambassador, Nicole Kidman, has committed to mobilizing individual and corporate resources