



**Permanent Mission of
The Republic of Angola to the United Nations**

STATEMENT

BY

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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
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ON AGENDA ITEM 3: Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

PRIORITY THEME: "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS".

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**Chairperson,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates**

of women on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola, on my own behalf and on behalf of my delegation. I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairperson, as well as your secretariat for having been elected to conduct our work.

My delegation fully associates itself with the statement made by Sudan on behalf of the Member Countries of the G77 and China, and as well as with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of SADC.

We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the

However, social, economic and cultural aspects of our society, such as customary laws and discriminatory practices are still some of the challenges that hinder a major involvement of men and boys in the

only through granting wide access to education for all without

employment, adequate housing, health and justice.

To conclude, Mr. Chairperson, the Government of Angola reiterates its commitment to continue fostering the sharing of responsibilities, including care giving in the context of prevention of the pandemic, and to supporting the important role that must be played by families and the civil society while we are consolidating democratic