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conferences on regulating and improving household management and provided professional support for the sharing of family responsibilities between men and women.

As part of our response to migration and the spread of HIV/AIDS, we have further strengthened the study and protection of rural children left behind by migrant workers and worked to provide physical and psychological help and caring for AIDS orphans. In cooperation with women's organizations, we have implemented the "Face to Face" education plan on AIDS prevention for women in 28 provinces.

The devastating earthquake that hit Wenchuan, Sichuan Province on May 12, 2008 caused enormous economic, material and human losses. I wish to express here our deep gratitude to various governments and the international community for the valuable support given to China at that tragic moment. Now, the post-disaster reconstruction is proceeding in a vigorous and orderly manner. Since work related to women forms an important part of reconstruction, we are actively implementing projects of psychological assistance to women and of income augmentation for women in the disaster area and are exploring ways to incorporate gender awareness in the whole process of disaster reduction. In April this year, we will host in Beijing an international conference on gender and disaster reduction in cooperation with the UN International Disaster Reduction Strategy. All friends are welcome to take an interest in and come to this conference.

Mr. Chairman,