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CAREGIVING IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS

Finland associates itself fully with the statement made earlier on behalf of the European Union by the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic

Prevention, must be supported on a long term basis through adequate attention to strengthening reproductive health services. As the number of orphans and vulnerable children increase, even greater burden is put on the family and the community, including on older female caregivers.

Mr./Madam Chairperson,

The strengthening of the UN work on gender equality and women empowerment continues to be a high priority of Finland. I would like to express Finland's strong support for the establishment of a