



**Statement by H.E. María del Rocío García Gaytán,  
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on behalf of the Rio Group**

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Status of Women**

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Chairperson,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Rio Group: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Jamaica, representing the Member States of the CARICOM, as well as my own country, Mexico.

On behalf of the Rio Group, let me congratulate you and the rest of the members of the Bureau on your

performance during the previous session of this Commission. We are convinced that your leadership will once again result in the successful conclusion of this meeting, and consequently, in continuing the path of advancement towards gender equality and the empowerment of women.

We would also like to thank the Secretary General for his reports and expressing the nature of his

Chairperson,

The Pils Group would like to highlight the VI Regional Conference on Women of Latin America and the

Caribbean, which will take place in Brasilia in June of 2010, and which coincides with the tenth anniversary



needs of girls, young migrant and indigenous women who are domestic workers, and those who perform