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Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Medical Board of California,

We celebrate that, on this occasion, we approach the challenges of the Quito Consensus, adopted in 2007 during the Tenth Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Conference on Women, which constitutes our regional gender agenda and includes, among others, the following:

One of the greater challenges we have identified in Mexico is the application of indicators to measure the effective use of resources earmarked for women in the FPA.

to this end, the Ministry of Finance and INMUJERES are advising and assisting the

Federal Public Administration (FPA) entities in this task.

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Convinced that the legislative framework is one of the most important tools to achieve equality and eradicate violence against women, during 2008 we worked intensely to

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In the consolidation process of democracy in Mexico, an equitable participation of women and men in all realms of the country's political, economic and social life is an indispensable factor. The General Law for Equality between Women and Men and the National Program for Equality between Women and Men (PROIGUALDAD) emphasize the importance of promoting the empowerment of women, their participation and representation in the decision-making processes, as well as the generation of the necessary conditions for women to make full use of their rights as citizens and to acquire autonomy.

We are still facing challenges in the consolidation of spaces that assure the permanence of women in the spaces for decision-making and political participation. In Mexico, women represent 39.6% of all middle and top level officials within the FPA; locally, they hold 40% of government jobs and 4.0% of political offices. 69.5% of the

We are currently in a federal process to elect the members of the next legislature at Congress and, to that end, we are promoting a Strategic Platform for Political Equality, for the purpose of strengthening the empowerment of women, their participation and

In facing those challenges, we have advanced in the creation and transformation of institutionality and in the strengthening of the State's capabilities from the point of view of human rights. In 2008, a reform to the Penal Justice and Public Safety System was approved; a Special Prosecutor's Office for Violent Crime against Women and Trafficking (FEVIMTRA) was created and, through the Fund for Supporting Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women in the Federation's States for a Complete

Attention to Women who are Victims of Gender Violence (MVVG Fund), 6.96 million dollars⁷ were transferred to the States in order to pursue actions for fully assisting gender violence victims. We are currently designing the Program for Preventing,

