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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairperson,
Members of the Bureau,
Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege and honour to address the plenary session of the 53rd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

On behalf of the Nigerian Government, I wish to seize this opportunity to acknowledge and

highlight women issues on the front burner

The priority theme, "Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men including
... of HIV/AIDS" could not have come at a more auspicious time. The

current prevalence rate in Nigeria is 4.6%.

Mr. Chairperson,

Nigeria's implementation of relevant international instruments relating to the empowerment

... of responsibilities between women and men has been hampered by

- preventive and behavioral change;