



ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT

Mr. Chairperson,

It is an honour for the Thai delegation to address the opening session of the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women. Thailand fully aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the Group of 77 and China as well as the statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

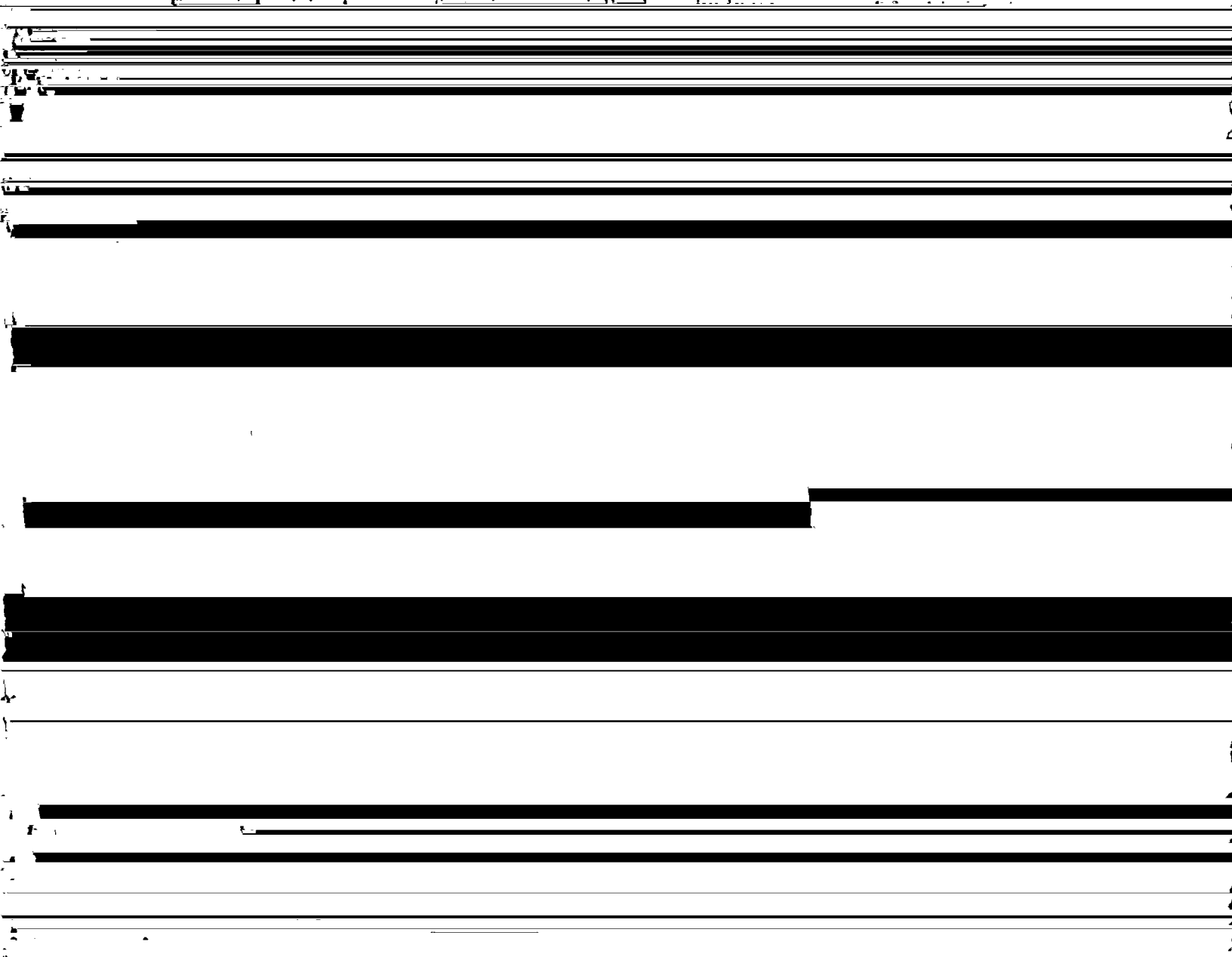
Mr. Chairperson,

The outbreak of HIV/AIDS all over the world has not only taken millions of lives, but also creates the substantial burden within the care economy which mostly falls on women. This is why the equal sharing of responsibility between women and men, including men's role in the prevention of HIV/AIDS, is a key to reducing the burden on women.

efforts to increase men's responsibility in the household, let me cite some of Thailand's good practices such as those found in the **Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) policy**, which incorporates voluntary counseling and testing,

Another critical area that Thailand is focusing on is information gathering and use. We have developed a comprehensive collection and supporting system to promote effective use of gender-disaggregated data in Thailand, namely the **Gender Disaggregated Database and Information System Project** for gender analysis according to the indicators on the promotion of gender equality as specified in international agreements to which Thailand is party, such as the BDPA, CEDAW, MDGs, and other development indicators. Data are collected from units such as the National Statistic Office, the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour, etc. The database system [which is available on-line at <http://www.gender.go.th>] will be used as a monitoring system for Thailand's implementation of international agreements and will serve as a basis for policy-making in related fields.

Among the issues that require urgent policy formation / development, and Thailand proposes to monitor the situation through our gender disaggregated database system, is



have been closed down, women workers who form a major part of these businesses are most at risk of losing their jobs. There is also a tendency that many financial institutions will suspend the provision of micro-credits and small loans, and women with no