



The United States Mission to the United Nations

Statement by The Honorable Mark Frank, U.S. Representative to the General Assembly

As the United States continues to bring new energy to these issues, it will review the binding global pacts that help empower women. That includes the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We will remain committed to working with the international community to promote many of the principles embodied in these conventions.

But as you know, signing treaties or announcing a clear international standard is not

trip to Asia, "It is important to raise the role of women on an ongoing basis. All women should exercise their rights to be fully functioning, productive citizens." In order to do so, governments, NGOs, the private sector, and international organizations such as the United Nations must work as partners to transform the role of women in their societies. The United States urges member

PEPFAR has been a remarkable success story in its first five years. A key reason has been our commitment to incorporating gender awareness into its programs, including acknowledging the pivotal role of men. Thus far, the United States has:

• Helped care for more than 10 million people living with HIV/AIDS, a 6-fold increase from

