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It's a great honour for me to greet you at this event on behalf of the Azerbaijani delegation. The problems raised are always essential for all nations and it's very important to pay special attention to the combating violence.

There is a global controversy all over the world - on the one hand the world is rapidly moving towards development, on the other hand, the world is still has to struggle with the problem of violence against women.

The government of Azerbaijan attaches high importance to the issue of combating violence against women. We have realised that it is not enough only to adopt the law on domestic violence there is a necessity to work on its implementation. In order to ensure that, amendments were made to seven legislative acts and five new normative and legal acts were adopted. Besides, special awareness raising campaigns have been started in order to improve coordination among state institutions engaged in combating domestic violence. Another campaign on "Strengthening internal culture as a factor against violence in the 21st century" is being hold in regions and educational entities.

Recently the State Committee in cooperation with the international organizations and NGOs started a new project "Empowering women victims of domestic violence with improved socio-economic capacity and gender awareness in the Republic of Azerbaijan".

Today one of the main goals is to integrate refugee and IDP women to the society. Half a million Azerbaijani women who became refugees and IDP's as a result of occupation of Azerbaijan territories by Armenia, are paid the priority attention by the government of Azerbaijan. Economic growth of the

country allows solving the problem of those groups of population who are under the strong psychological stress. Under The Complex Program on combating daily violence in democratic society, women refugees and IDPs are offered a comprehensive range of services, which include reduction of unemployment rate, the increase in acc

State Programme for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development for 2008-2015.

I would like to draw your attention to one important idea. Modern world practice shows that it is impossible to get constant and social-economic development, without eliminating violence against women, and it is important to support collaboration and partnership among the countries for solving this problem.

We are thankful to the Commission on the Status of Women and welcome international exchange of information and close future collaboration.

Thank you for your attention.

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