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Significant progress has been also achieved in the training of relevant actors, especially police officers, prosecutors and judges. Primary prevention has been also strengthened and attention has been paid to education of children and youth in the field of non-violent conflict resolution.

However, we still have a number of challenges to overcome, such as the prevalence and latent nature of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence. Another important issue is the economic impact of domestic violence which still remains to be analyzed in detail. We plan to undertake a complex study on costs of domestic violence in the upcoming years.

Exchange of best practices among different countries with different experience is crucial for the achievement of a world free of all forms of violence against women. For this reason the Czech Republic will organize a side-event together with Peru, Zambia, UN Women and Norwegian NGO Alternative to Violence. Please accept my sincere invitation to this side event.

Madam Chair, Excellencies, distinguished delegates, let me reassure you of the Czech Republic's commitment to promote gender equality and to protect human rights.