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**Madame Chairperson,
Excellencies Distinguished Heads of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me at the outset to convey to you the greetings of the Egyptian women who proudly stood alongside men during the January 25th revolution, calling for freedom, dignity, democracy,

In this regard, Egypt welcomes the presence of the regional office of UN Women in Cairo and will provide it with all the support it needs to accomplish its work. Cairo also hosts the headquarters of the Arab Women Organization, and has accepted to host the Women offices of both the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement.

The problem of violence against women is one of the major challenges the world faces today. The Egyptian Government attaches great importance to combating all forms of such violence and is currently working on addressing this phenomenon through various measures

