



1. The first part of the document is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various offices of the corporation.

Madame Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Violence against women and girls is a good focus for this year's session – it is a topic that sadly draws much media attention these days. We have made significant gains in the advancement of women worldwide. And yet, acts of violence against women persist in all parts of the world. I am thinking of

- Damini, victim of gang rape in India;

access to justice, so that they can claim their rights. And most importantly, we must change the mind-sets of the perpetrators of violence and focus on prevention.

Madame Chair

Violence against women and girls affects every society around the world, every country. The sheer numbers speak volumes: Two out of three women experience gender-based violence at least once in their lifetime. What is even more outrageous: most perpetrators continue to go unpunished. There is still a systematic lack of accountability for many forms of violence against women and girls:

Madame Chair

We report much greater progress in ensuring an adequate participation of women in research. The

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