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Statement

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We are hopeful that Sri Lanka's proactive efforts at the legal and policy implementation levels complemented by multi-sectoral services and responses will converge to dramatically reduce the incidence of gender based violence. We will also invest greater efforts and resources in identifying the underlying causes of gender based violence and addressing the causal factors. Sri Lanka is also aware of its international obligations having ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in 1981 and become party to the Optional Protocol in 2002.

With our focus also on the post 2015 Development Agenda, we welcome the theme of the 58<sup>th</sup> session, "Challenges and achievements in implementing the MDGS for women and girls." We also hope that the normative role spearheaded by the CSW and operational activities of UN Women will continue to expand