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Chairperson,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates

It is with pleasure that I deliver this statement on behalf of the Zambian Delegation. I am particularly happy that this year's Session is focussing on the theme which aims at addressing violence against women and girls. In this regard, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Secretary General for his report.

My delegation aligns itself to the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Honourable Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare of the Republic of Malawi on behalf of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

Chairperson

Zambia reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective implementation and acceleration of measures contained in the international agreements on gender and development to which it is party, such as the Beijing Declaration and platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Millennium Development Goals.

In this regard, Zambia has taken positive measures in eliminating and preventing all forms of Violence against women and girls. Critical to ensuring the

gender based violence, and the monitoring and coordinating Committee is already being implemented.

Zambia has exhibited highest commitment and political will in eliminating Violence against women and girls as evidenced by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Michael Chilufya Sata when he directed the Judiciary to establish fast track courts. Zambia therefore stands ready to learn, build capacity of the judiciary and other enforcements agencies as well as and receive support to establish this comprehensive system.

Chairperson

To accelerate the implementation of measures outlined above, Government in collaboration with cooperating partners has been providing dedicated funds to facilitate the promotion and protection of women's and girls' rights thus contributing to the reduction of Gender Based Violence.

In addition, Government in close collaboration with various development partners including the civil society organisations have made tremendous efforts in providing preventive mechanisms and multi sectoral responses to eliminate

equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in relation to the priority theme.

I thank you