

Oral Statement

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As we speak, across the street, more than 5000 NGO participants are volunteering their time, often paying their own way, to tell the world that violence against women and girls must end. These NGOs

after the CSW is over through social media, IT, traditional messaging and good old-fashioned face-to-face dialogue.

Third, NGOs want to leave this CSW inspired and renewed. For this to happen, NGOs expect that governments will hold fast on the many commitments made in the past, move forward on new ground, and produce the best Agreed Conclusions ever adopted at a CSW. Please listen to this call for inspiration. It is real, it is urgent, and we promise, as 50 percent of the voting constituency, it will count in the women's vote for the next elections.

CSW 57 is probably the largest gathering of men and women concerned with violence against women and girls in the history of the UN. We count you as our allies—men and women politicians and ministers, representatives of UN agencies and funders to deliver what we need: a political jump-start to a new global campaign with an inspiring UN document.