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Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) presents its compliments to the Commission on the Status of Women and appreciates this opportunity to participate in this vitally important effort to eliminate and prevent violence against women and girls. Violence against women and girls is endemic to nearly all societies, and it takes many forms, both

physical and psychological. Violence is at the extreme end of a continuum that includes gender-based discrimination



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The 2012 London Games were a significant milestone toward the goal of gender equality. With the inclusion of

were women. With the inclusion of women on National Olympic Committee teams from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Brunei Darussalam, every National Olympic Committee has now sent women to the Games.

The IOC is also working to empower women and girls through sport at the grassroots level by supporting community-

