

work; Ministers have gathered in regional and sub-regional meetings to set priorities; civil society organizations have mobilized their membership to energize their governments' efforts to find solutions; and at global level here at UN Headquarters

Honourable Ministers,
Colleagues and friends,

We have assembled here with a clear mandate: to create a world where gender equality is never in question and discrimination and violence against women and girls are a thing of the past. We can make this ambition a reality if we demonstrate the political will and commitment to agree on global solutions and to implement agreed strategies at the national level, to the limit of our resources. All eyes are on us, so let us proceed with our work, with every single participant contributing to a productive and successful session.

Thank you.