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~~SA General L. M. Dechila, Mexico~~

Chairperson, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues and Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to address you at the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to present my oral report. This year we mark the adoption of the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action by the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna. That conference was a landmark for women's human rights and in particular for the identification of violence against women as a human rights issue and an

issue of international concern.

to violence against women. In doing so, States should consider the various manifestations of violence suffered by women and the multiple forms of discrimination they encounter, in order to adopt multifaceted strategies to effectively prevent and combat this violence. I conclude

do not occur in a family situation. These factors then impact on the development of meaningful prevention strategies and advocacy for improved policies.

*Despite successive judgements from the regional human rights institutions, the*

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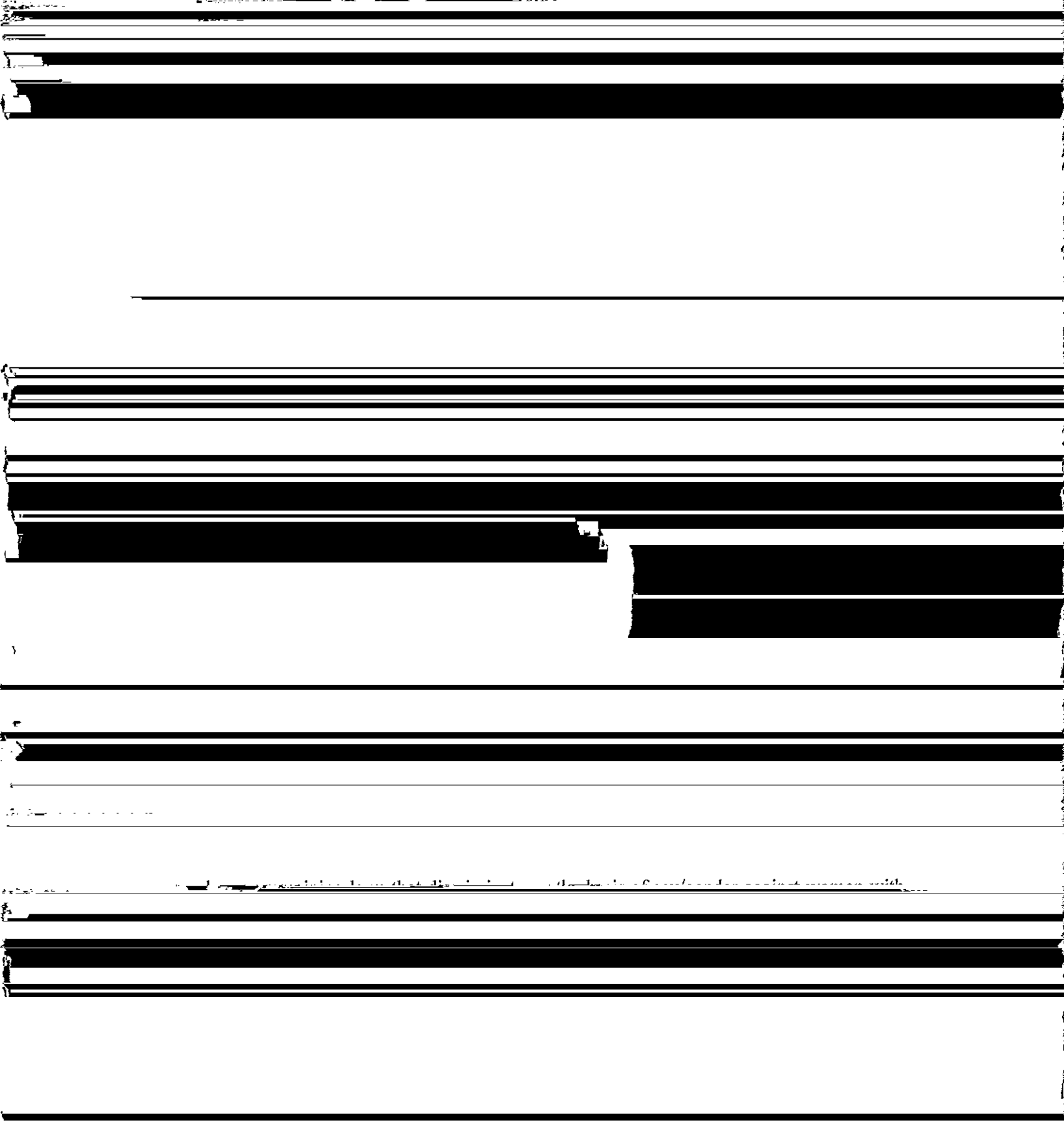
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mechanism to coordinate the implementation of the judgements at the national level, with some authorities stating that the absence of a special implementing mechanism is a

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Country-level reforms to improve health-care services and facilities in general, including in respect of sexual and reproductive health, should be adopted.

In the justice system, women with disabilities also face a number of obstacles, including the



discuss policy, legal, programmatic and institutional challenges in the application of the due

countries of these regions.

**Country visits in 2011 and 2012**

During the course of 2011, I conducted official visits to Jordan, Italy and Somalia. These mission reports were presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2012. This year, I will present reports to Human Rights Council on my visits to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. I would like to express my gratitude to these Governments for their valuable support and cooperation in the conduct of these missions. I look forward to continuing our dialogue with regard to the follow-up to the recommendations

place, they *de facto* failed to offer effective protection and prevention measures to women and girls.

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in its General Comment No. 14 (2000) on the right to the highest attainable standard of health, stated that:

and nurture State responsibility for observing the normative framework through which obligations and accountability emanate. In this context, States must take positive steps to