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**Mr. Chairman**

At outset, I would like to express my delegation's profound appreciation for the reports of the Secretary-General that are before us in relation to the agenda item on the advancement of women, which is now being considered. My delegation would also like to associate itself with the statement made by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of Group of 77 and China.

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Ethiopia strongly believes that each and every positive step taken in the direction of advancement of women amounts to a forward progress for

respect of all economic and social policies is very critical for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals. We fully agree with the conclusion of the Secretary-General's report that the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and

comprehensive approach to prevent and eliminate this vicious act of human rights violation

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Ethiopia recognizes the crucial importance of continuing to engage in activities aimed at improving the situation of women in the country as a whole. In this regard, several policy and legislative measures have been taken with a view to curbing all forms of discrimination against

women. Strong emphasis has been given on the participation of women in the development process, for which pertinent policies and strategies to integrate and mainstream the gender dimensions in economic, social and political spheres have been duly formulated. The Ethiopian Federal Constitution recognizes women's equal rights and accords them full legal rights to participate in the political and economic life of the nation, as well as in decision-making processes.

In order to promote equal opportunities for women in assuming important decision-making positions, a number of awareness-creation,

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The Government of Ethiopia has also taken a number of practical measures to improve women's access to basic and maternal health services. The current health policy has attached special attention to the health needs of the family, particularly women and children. Similarly,

in the education sector efforts have been made to increase the enrollment  
in general

In an effort to eliminate discrimination against women and ensure the respect for their rights before the law, the Family Law and the Penal Code have been thoroughly revised. Accordingly, perpetrators of various

My delegation wishes, therefore, to seize this opportunity to call up on our development partners to support the multifaceted efforts underway in this important field of endeavor by increasing the necessary financial and technical assistance that are critically needed to translate our

shared aims into further real actions.

**I Thank You**