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Statement by

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on

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Mr. Chairman,

Bangladesh aligns itself with the statement of Antigua and Barbuda made on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. My intervention will, therefore, flag some of the issues that we consider particularly important from our national perspective.

Mr. Chairman,

Sustainable development would be a far cry without gender equality and

Advancement of women is one of the major policy priorities of the Government of Bangladesh. Bangladesh has always been in the forefront of gender mainstreaming, gender equality and empowerment of women in compliance with its international obligations including those set forth at the Fourth World

and the Millennium Summit. Bangladesh is a State Party to almost all the major

resolution, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. As a member of

Economic empowerment aided by government's proper policy directives has led

