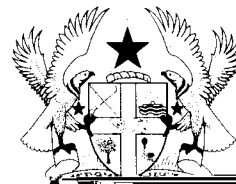


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## STATEMENT

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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation commends the Secretary-General for the preparation of his thought provoking reports before us and the valuable recommendations contained therein. These reports undoubtedly set the momentum for the consideration of this matter.

We also extend our appreciation to the Special Advisor on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the various officials for their insightful introductory statements. My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Government of Ghana has made gender equality and the empowerment of women an integral part of its initiatives towards sustainable development, peace, stability and security. Consequently, the necessary administrative, legal and constitutional mechanisms have been put in place to promote the development of women and ensure the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms in conformity with the Beijing Platform of Action and the outcome document of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Session of the General Assembly. We are taking steps to provide progressively an enabling environment for enhanced women participation in decision making at all levels of society as well as incorporate gender perspectives in all dimensions in development policies, programmes and plans. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 the national gender machinery launched a National Women in Decision Making Directory to fulfill its Affirmative Action commitments.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Ghana supports the Secretary-General's leadership role to end violence against women. In this regard, the Government of Ghana has adopted a comprehensive approach to eliminate all forms of violence against the Ghanaian woman through enhancing the legal and policy frameworks to protect women. Currently, legislation to prohibit negative

Action has been finalized and a DV Secretariat set up. A DV Management Board is in place with the Minister of Children and Women (MOWAC) as its Chair. Additionally, various gender focused training programmes are being implemented.

agencies to improve their capacity to cope with gender-based violence.

In order to intensify prevention and ensure a conducive environment that does not tolerate violations of the rights of women and children, the Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, a constitutional body, monitors and educates the public on human rights and enhances women's awareness of existing legislation and remedies

**Mr. Chairman,**

Trafficking in women and girls is an atrocious violation of their rights. It is indeed appalling that despite the adoption in 2000 of the landmark United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish

economy policies. Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) has been introduced into the

2000 Budget. The following table shows the