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Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for giving the floor to the Philippines.

The Philippines associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 & China.

However, on the subject **Advancement of Women**, the Philippines wishes to underscore some important issues women face, particularly today in this world of distress and alarm because of

which are already being felt by ordinary people. We can expect that women will become more vulnerable to poverty whose impact on their development and advancement would

Member States and the international community should, therefore, reassess its implementation of work towards gender equality. We cannot afford to have a "business-as-usual" attitude, if we are not to allow any backsliding on our targets for women around the world.

Mr. Chairman,

The Secretariat has reported that despite the breadth of the UN's work on gender, there are areas of our work in this Organization that persistently lack the necessary gender-sensitivity. Gender is missing not only in the reports and documentation but also in the discussions and