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Mr. Chairman,

Colombia recognizes the importance of strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, as well as social awareness, as essential requisites to address gender based violence. To this purpose, in 2008 our Congress passed the Law 1257 that strengthens actions for awareness, prevention and punishment of all forms of violence and discrimination against women. This legal achievement is complemented by the continuity of the strategy to promote women's access and the defense of their rights in the justice system; educational campaigns with

institutional response services; and training for public officials, among other actions.

Also, we agree with the Secretary-General on the importance of including gender perspectives in humanitarian assistance, in demobilization and disarmament processes, and in actions for assistance to victims of violence.

In Colombia, the policy for the assistance to displaced people has a Guideline for the Gender Differential Perspective, formulated by the Office of the

women and men at work.

In formulating and evaluating policies for the advancement of women, objective and disaggregated information is essential. In this sense, we will continue to support our Gender Affairs Observatory created in 2004, and

strengthening the National Statistics Department's work, to consolidate databases that meet this need.

Mr. Chairman,

Colombia has taken note of the reports submitted by the Secretary General. We express our recognition for the United Nations work in the various initiatives

