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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation thanks the Secretary General for his reports submitted under the agenda item on advancement of women, and welcomes the appointment of Ms. Michelle Bachelet as the first Under Secretary General for the UN-Women. We believe that the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women under her leadership will accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide. In this regard, she will always be able to rely on the support of the Organization of the Islamic Conference General Secretariat.

Mr. Chairman,

The Organization of the Islamic Conference General Secretariat has long been actively engaged in the field of women development, and is making progress in terms of the empowerment of women across the Member States. According to the UN statistics, some of the OIC member states are among those who made the most progress toward attaining the MDGs related to women development.

The 10th and 11th Sessions of the OIC Summit Conference (ISC) and the subsequent Sessions of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFMs) reiterated their call to the Member States to take adequate steps to organize the activities of women at national and international levels and in all fields. These conferences also entrusted the General Secretariat to coordinate with the governments of the Member States in order to support direct and ongoing relations between Muslim women's associations in the Member States.

The 3rd Extraordinary Summit of the OIC held in December 2005 called for greater efforts to be devoted to women's education and to eliminating illiteracy among women. It further called for the creation of a department dedicated to family affairs within the framework of efforts to restructure the OIC.

The OIC Ten Year Program of Action (TYPOA) adopted by this Summit has become the blue print of the

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