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**“Advancement of Women”**  
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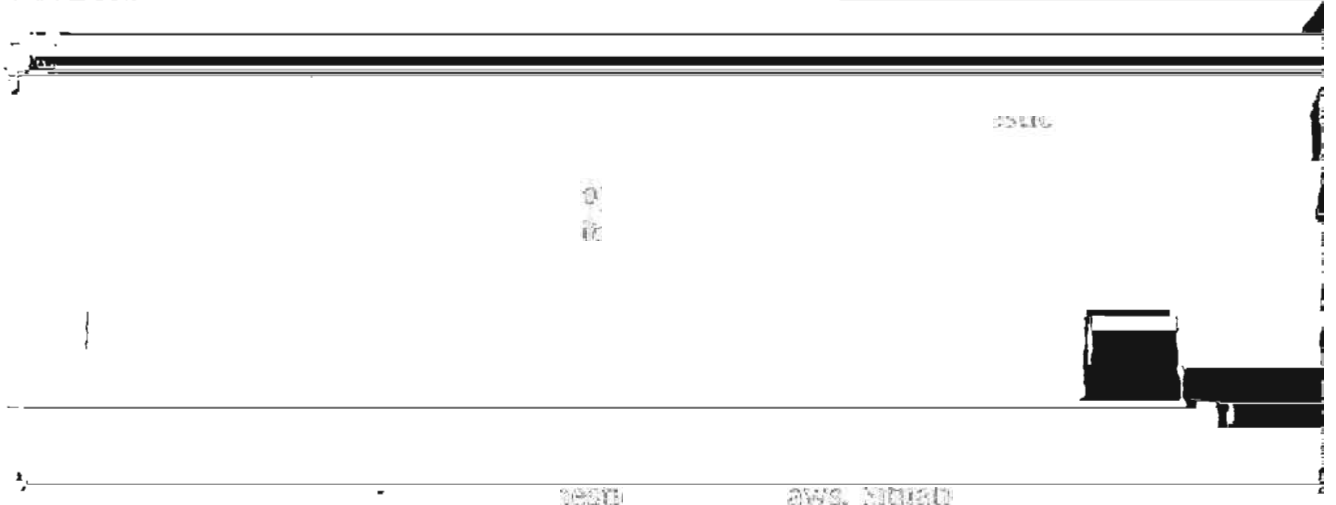




Mr. Chairman,

The Beijing Platform remains the most comprehensive global policy framework for the full realization of gender equality, women's human rights and the empowerment of women and girls. The recent 15 year review has demonstrated that important progress had been made in some areas, most notably in global, regional and national policy development and in increased access for women and girls to education at all levels. However, disparities remained between regions and within countries across all 12 critical areas of concern of the Platform.

The recent global economic crisis has aggravated the feminization of poverty, which was highlighted in this review. The review also drew attention towards persistent gaps in implementation of the Platform that negatively affect progress in achieving the MDGs. With only five years left in 2015, we need to expedite efforts on the gender dimensions of all the



In this regard sustained international cooperation and global partnerships are of vital importance. Financial resources must be mobilized, through domestic and international channels, across all social sectors to ensure progress. The international community should honour its commitments to Official Development Assistance. It must commit to debt relief and the opening of markets to give opportunities particularly to women entrepreneurs. Increased development assistance in areas such as women education, health and job creation is vital towards elimination gender disparities.