

Opening Statement  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by extending a warm welcome to all of you, especially to those who have traveled from abroad, and to thank you for accepting my invitation to participate in this workshop for United Nations entities on violence against women. I also thank the Division for the Advancement of Women for organizing this workshop in conjunction with its preparation of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against women.

The study, which was mandated by General Assembly in December 2003, requested that it should encompass all forms of violence against women, and cover data and statistics, causes, consequences and costs of violence against women, as well as good practices in preventing and



programme areas, from a policy and operational perspective. Enhanced mechanisms and frameworks for cooperation and coordination will strengthen