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**Introductory Statement
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Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished delegates,
Colleagues and friends,

I would like to extend my congratulations to you, Mr. Chairp

mutually reinforcing and that that gender equality and empowerment of women is essential for advancing on each of these three pillars of the work of the United Nations. The outcome reaffirmed that full and effective implementation of the goals and objectives of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and

employment of women has increased, in some areas this has been paralleled by high unemployment rates, lower wages and deterioration in terms and conditions of employment, including insecure contracts, benefits and social protection. Many female home workers, for example, receive low wages, are unprotected by labour laws and do not receive social welfare benefits. The report confirms that women represent 60 per cent of the world's 550 million working poor and are more likely than men to work in the informal sector. While there is variation in country-specific conditions, both horizontal and vertical segregation persist across the world, relegating women to certain types of work and/or preventing them from reaching manager

The report discusses the increased outsourcing of services. In some countries in Asia, business process outsourcing is the single largest technology-enabled employer of women and a field in which women are earning significant livelihoods, through, for example, medical and

Mr. Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

The nexus between international migration and development, and the need to address the challenges and opportunities that migration presents to countries of origin, destination and transit, were highlighted in the World Summit. The *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development: Women and International Migration* was prepared in 2004 and presented to this Committee in the Secretary-General's report A/59/287. I am pleased to inform you that the *World Survey* is now available as a United Nations publication. I hope that this publication will be of use in the preparations for the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on international migration and development to be held next year, in order to identify appropriate ways and means to ensure a gender sensitive approach to migration. Many of the issues to be raised in the high-

