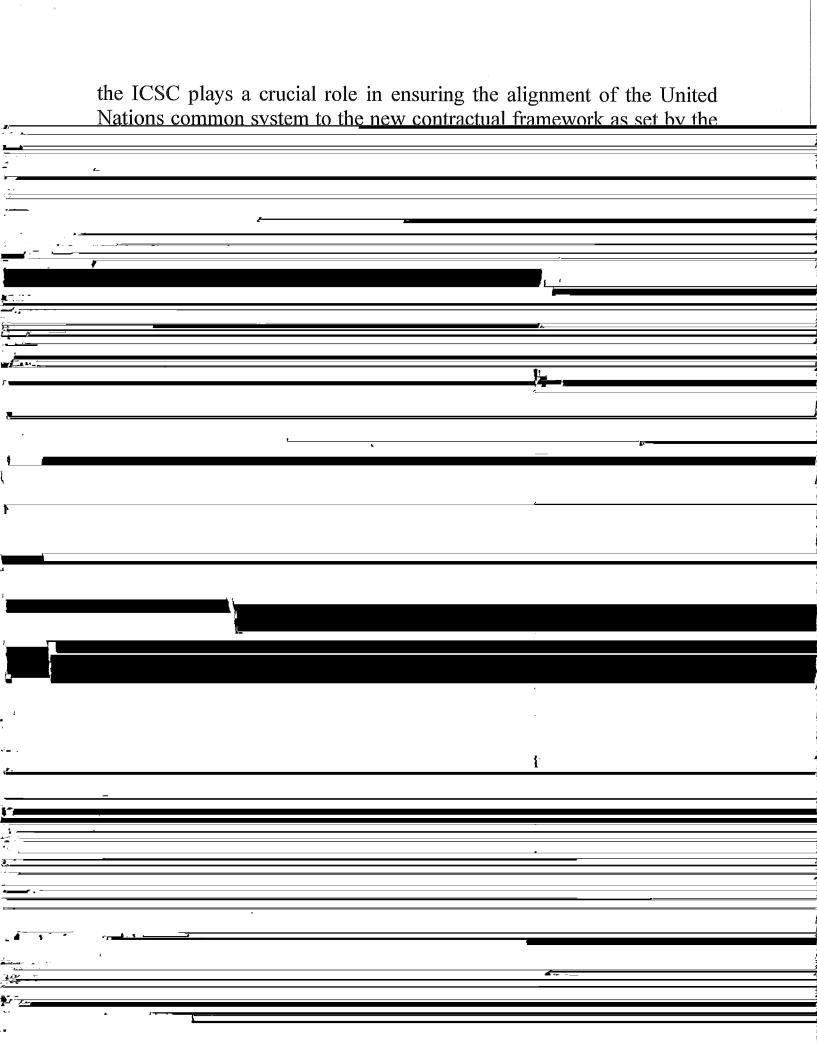


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United Nations system in achieving gender balance, especially at senior levels, as reported by the ICSC. We support recommendations of the Commission aimed at improving the representation of women in the Organisation. We also maintain the position that a greater effort should be made to recruit women from developing countries.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.