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representation, including gender equality, in all international legal fora. Sadly, the reality is starkly different: 28 out of 34 members of the International Law Commission are men and only 4 of 15 judges of the International Court of Justice are women. In comparison, the bench of the ICC is gender balanced. We must do better to achieve the same for the UN's highest court. The benefits of full, equal, and equitable participation in the international legal system are far-reaching. It will allow us to better tackle major global challenges from conflict prevention to climate change. Inclusivity ensures that all voices are heard and represented, fostering fairer solutions and stronger institutions.

I thank you.