

**Preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development**  
**First drafting session**

**Statement on behalf of UN Women**

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Excellencies, distinguished Permanent Representatives, co-facilitators and colleagues. As this is my first opportunity to take the floor, allow me to convey our gratitude to the co-facilitators and the Financing for Development office of DESA for putting together a strong, substantive Elements Paper that provides a comprehensive basis for our discussions this week.

UN Women notes with concern that commitments related to gender equality in the Monterrey and Doha processes have not been realized

In fact, co-facilitators, **no country in the world has closed the gender gap**. Despite

empowerment, national reports from the Beijing+20 review tell us that one major reason for the lack of progress on the ground is inadequate financing. **Financing has just not kept pace with our commitments.**

In 2006, the estimated gap in financing for gender equality issues was projected to rise to as high as **USD 83 billion by 2015**. This underinvestment has seriously impeded realization of the rights of women and girls.

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