

I make these remarks on behalf of Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the UK and my own country Iceland.

As the element paper already states in its introduction, large financial gaps remain and the commitments related to gender equality have not been realised. Both the Monterrey and

The private sector is an important partner in advancing the gender equality and the women's economic empowerment agenda: Firstly as employers advancing family friendly policies, equal pay and opportunities for promotion and secondly as investors