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Madame Chairperson:

The Eritrean delegation wishes, from the outset, to thank you and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) for having selected Eritrea to present its combined initial, second and third periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Our delegation is composed of seven individuals. The members are:

1. Hon. Ms. Luul Gebreab, President of the National Union of Eritrean Women (Head of delegation)

United Nations

3. Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum, Counsellor/ Deputy Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations
4. Mr. Amanuel Giorgio, First Secretary, Eritrean Mission to the UN
5. Ms. Tesfai Heptemariam, Political Officer, Eritrean Mission to the UN

women. The resolutions that were adopted addressed several important issues, including the need to increase women's participation in political and

steps pertaining to employment creation and income generation for the benefit of women. Key elements included in the measures adopted are, encouraging women who own small scale agricultural and commercial activities; training women in various non-traditional skills , such as construction and transportation; ensuring high participation of women in all sectors of trade and industry.

reliance; upgrading and developing marketable skills in handicrafts; strengthening the steps taken to reduce women's load in household chores; and ensuring women's equal rights to land ownership. The Cabinet of Ministers also agreed to convene regular meetings with the NUEW to oversee implementation of its decisions.

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