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**The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men including
caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS**

Written statement*

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Strategies for increasing men's involvement in the care economy

Distinguished colleagues, it is a tremendous honour to have this opportunity to explore

Firstly, we need to pay careful attention to our institutions. We need to ensure that national governments assume their responsibilities related to the care economy—especially the provision of essential health care services. In Sub Saharan Africa, only a small minority of people have access to critical care for diarrhoea, far and away the single greatest cause of infant mortality-- let alone HIV, TB and malaria. Who takes care of the many people suffering from conditions that can be prevented or treated? Women and girls, of course. But who makes macro economic decisions that determine the allocation

Just two days ago, UN General Secretary Ban Ki Moon launched a global campaign to end violence against women. He added his personal commitment to this campaign, saying: “I will form a global network of male leaders to assist me in mobilizing men and boys – men in Government, men in the arts and sports, men in business, men in the religious sphere, men in every walk of life, who know what leadership truly means.” I look forward to working together with you all to make this campaign a success and to creating a more just and gender equitable world.