

The **Bahamas**

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

STATEMENT

Mr. Chairman,

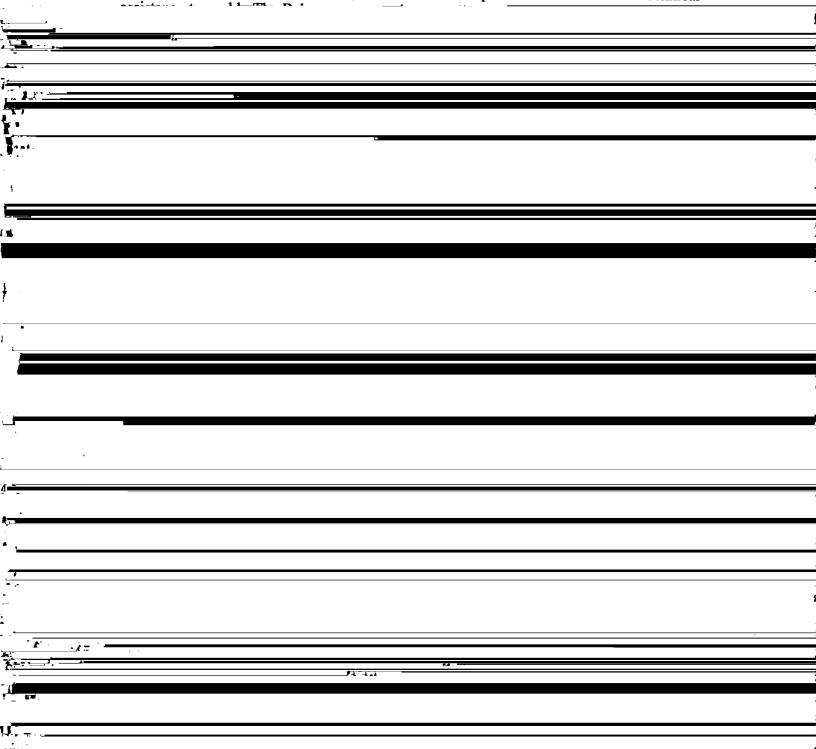
On behalf of my delegation, I congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your election to this 52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women. I assure you of our full cooperation and support as we work towards a fruitful outcome of this year's session.



Mr. Chairman,

In spite of all our achievements and efforts since Beijing, we are ever mindful of the fact that much more is required for Member States to achieve sustained results. National capacity-building is equally important as financial commitment and mobilization of resources.

In efforts to enhance its capacity-building to provide greater opportunities for women, my Government has engaged in discussions with several UN agencies — UNFPA, ECLAC and UNIFEM - to assist with the development of a gender policy and a new structure for our National Women's Machinery, as well as to provide much needed technical



<u> </u>	In conclusion Mr. Chairman, The Bahamas reiterates the need for further consideration of
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	within the framework of the Monterrey process, and calls on all stakeholders to recommit themselves to providing a fair, equitable, open and inclusive process to the benefit of all
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I thank you Mr. Chairman.