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Statement by H.E. Ms. Ismat Jahan

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special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to join the previous speakers in warmly congratulating you and your bureau, upon your well-deserved election. Bangladesh associates itself with the statement made by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. My intervention will, therefore flag some of the issues that we consider significant.

Mr. Chairman,

focus on poor disadvantaged women. Job opportunities for women are also being created through targeted public investment in infrastructure. Pomostically inspired innerative ideas of access to micro andit schemes and non-farmal education have proved to be effective strategies for empowerment of our women. Microcredit and micro-finance, pioneered by Grameen Bank, are fostering their entrepreneurship and thus their overall empowerment. Our national efforts for