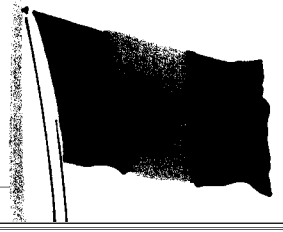




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Mr. Chairman,

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Mr. Chairman,

The experiences of Barbados that I have just highlighted indicate that small countries are very dependent on multilateral assistance if they are to attain the objectives that have been outlined in the various conventions and plans of action.

~~With limited financial and technical resources to overcome constraints in~~

legislative drafting, increase awareness of the population to internationally acclaimed best practices in gender relations and implement the relevant programmes and services, we must be both creative and collaborative if we are

keeping with the process of empowering women as this group will be able to ventilate the concerns of their members and agitate for redress apart from attracting support from other entities to improve their circumstances.

\_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_, during the 50<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women is

that though multilateral assistance from both the financial and technical aspects

are critical inputs in the pursuit of gender equality and the empowerment of women, countries should not be totally or significantly dependent on these provisions. This forum presents an excellent opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and therefore, where they are applicable, strategies employed by other countries are encouraged to be adopted to assist the process. However, in keeping with the principle of self determination, women have the