



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

- We would like to thank the Secretary-General for the reports submitted under the priority theme of this 52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

'Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women'.

- The Group of 77 and China reaffirms its commitment to the advancement and empowerment of women, which is vital to sustainable development, the consolidation of democracy and the creation of inclusive societies. Though governments and the international community have increasingly emphasized the importance of the

provide for the systematic planning regarding government's allocation of financial

resources through the implementation of programmes nationally. It should further allow for the evaluation of how such programmes benefit both men and women, through broad-based consultations between government and other stakeholders at the national

- Ensuring that gender-responsive budgeting initiatives address both the expenditure side of the budget and the initial stages of policy and budget formulation
- Realizing the internationally agreed official development assistance targets of 0.7 per cent of gross national product and of 0.15 per cent to 0.20 per cent for least

- Our Group looks forward to working constructively with other delegations in the successful conclusion of this session and to hearing the numerous experiences and lessons learned. We further hope to pursue actively this issue of financing for gender equality during the upcoming meeting on Financing for Development to be held in Doha at the end of this year, which should provide us with an opportunity to advance concrete action-oriented gender-sensitive recommendations and coherence between macroeconomic policies and the goals of gender equality and the empowerment of women. We furthermore should endeavour to come out of this important meeting with renewed commitments to mobilize resources for achieving the internationally agreed