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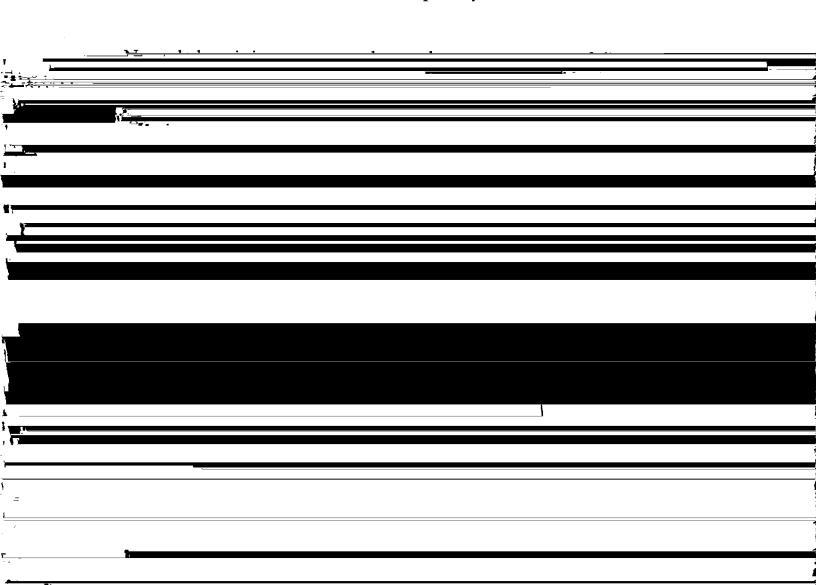
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, It is my pleasure to represent Hungary here at the 52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women. I would like to commend you, Mr. Chairman, and the members of the Bureau on its important work. Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment is an essential regard to the priority theme of the current session, let me inform you that our Strategy includes the principle of gender budgeting. This is the first time that such a concept appears in a Hungarian official governmental document.

Preparing government budget is a key element of the responsibilities of any government and governmental agency. When you assess a budget in detail, you can get a clear idea what the priorities of the given country are. Improving access to resources to all and empowering women is a task that all countries should have as a priority.



much debate in society must be preceded by much more thorough professional preparation and social awareness raising.

It is also clear that we have to fight for the improvement of the situation of women together with men, and we need as many men who are committed to improving the situation of women as possible.

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If we join efforts to implement the Secretary General's initiative on the fight against violence against women, it could be a defining moment in Even though the following issue is not on our agenda, let me say a few words of the idea of establishing a new UN gender entity. The strengthening of the United Nations capacity to promote gender equality

