



Mr Chairman,

First of all, allow me to express my thanks and appreciation for the excellent preparation of this 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and I also thank

We are all aware of the risk of backstab and backsliding from our goals. Decent research

global role in promoting the importance of women's reproductive health and rights. Their campaign to end fistula is to be commended.

Mr Chairman,

The United Nations is a key player in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. The organization should be commended for the progress already made in gender mainstreaming and gender specific programmes. However Iceland believes that more can be done and that the UN system needs to be more responsive, coherent and accountable in this field.

Iceland will this year complete her 4 year terms on the CSW but will stay engaged on the very issue of gender equality and women empowerment in ECOSOC, at the UNGA and at other for such as the Peace Building Commission and through other networks as well as in the Security Council.