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**STATEMENT BY**

**THE STATE MINISTER FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
H.E PROF. DR. MEUTIA HATTA SWASONO**

**AT THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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It is indeed a distinct pleasure for me to extend to you my sincere congratulations on your election as the Chairman of the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women. I am confident that your leadership will contribute to fruitful outcomes of this session. I would like to also commend the members of the Bureau, for the excellent work for and during this session. The Government of Indonesia expresses its full support and cooperation in the discharge

of your duties.

Indonesia wishes to associate itself with the statement by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We would also like to thank the Secretary-General for his reports on the theme, which gives us a clear sense of what has been done and what remains to be done.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Indonesia regards this meeting as an important and timely step forward in the process of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women. It is taking place at a time when careful consideration is being given to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus. That background heightens the meeting's relevance and strengthens the links between financing for development and women's progress.

From that perspective, the new planning and budgeting system in Indonesia,

as well as regional policy making and program implementation. The new system requires that central and regional governments prepare a performance-based budget in which programs, activities and budgeted expenditure are aligned with specified gender performance indicators.

In conjunction with the new budgeting system, all provincial and district

governments are required to allocate five percent of their government budget for financing women empowerment and gender equality programs and activities