

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Antigua and Barbuda, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. Our brief intervention is therefore to add our own national perspective to this critical debate on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has committed itself to the empowerment of

women goes back as far as 1974 with the establishment of a Women's Desk which, in the following year, was upgraded to a Bureau of Women's Affairs. From that time the Government, therefore, recognized that financial and

Ongoing Efforts

Despite these constraints and the fact that gender budgeting has not yet been

