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Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairperson, and other members of the new Bureau on the assumption of your important roles.

Mr. Chairperson,

I believe that the priority theme this year, "Financing for gender equality and empowerment of women," is the one essential for us to address, and we are therefore glad that at long last we have the opportunity to do so. On the one hand, we have reaffirmed the importance of promoting women's participation in policy- and decision-making processes based on carmitments—such as the Reijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and Japan continues

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In August 2007, the government, together with the UNDP and NGOs, held another symposium in Tokyo, one that helped to shed light on the importance of incorporating perspectives of gender and unpaid care work into economic and development policy. In the