



Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates

It is indeed a great honour to address the plenary session of the 52nd Session

see so many Women and NGOs gathered here, bound by a common purpose,
namely the continued struggle to improve the lot of Women. I would therefore

Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria has made strenuous efforts to promote gender equality and women empowerment by passing to several policy instruments at global, regional and

national levels. These include, among others, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Paris Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals Framework, the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa, the ECOWAS Gender Policy and the Nigerian National Gender Policy developed in 2007.

We also note the emerging trends in Nigeria's macro-economic policy environment and the opportunities presented by such trends for an improvement

in our drive towards poverty eradication. These efforts include the seven point agenda of the present government, Vision 20/20, the NEEDS review process and the establishment of a Multi-Sectoral Fund for the D.U.P. of O...

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The status of the Nigerian economy has improved since the return of the military government in 1966.

This has been greatly accelerated with the return of the military government in 1966.

At the institutional level, the Federal Government has disbursed grants and

seeks to more than triple girl child enrolment in Schools.

In order to bring about a more balanced development process, we call upon

the relevant UN Agencies and our development partners to complement Government efforts by offering technical assistance and capacity-building towards the effective promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Finally, we call upon the international community and indeed all stake-holders to rededicate themselves to translating words into action, that would not only improve the situation of Women, but impact profoundly upon the realization of the Internationally Agreed Development Goals