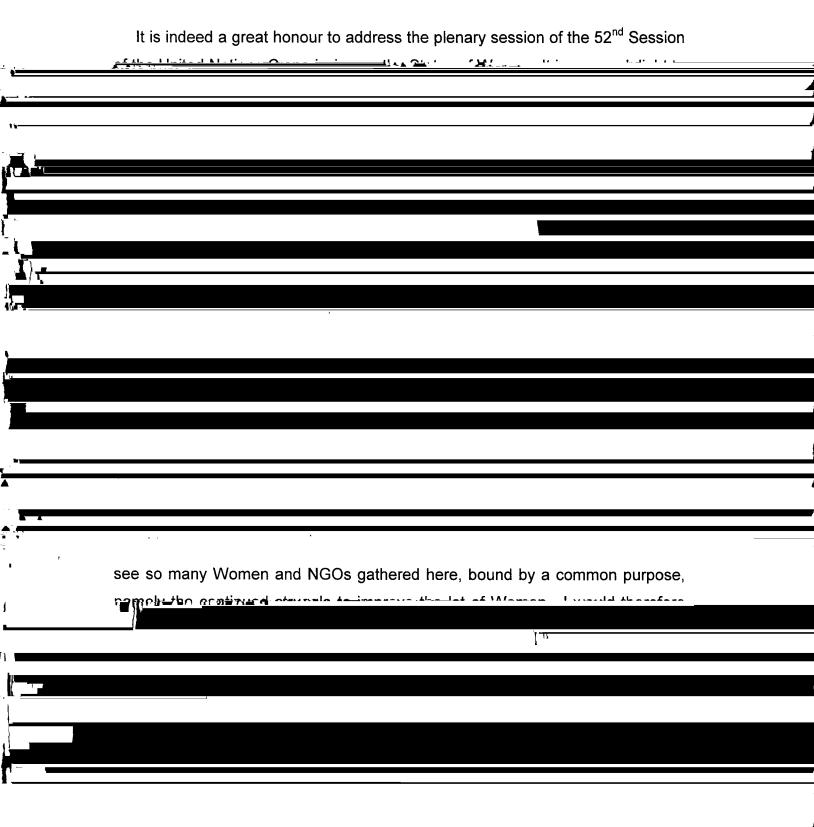


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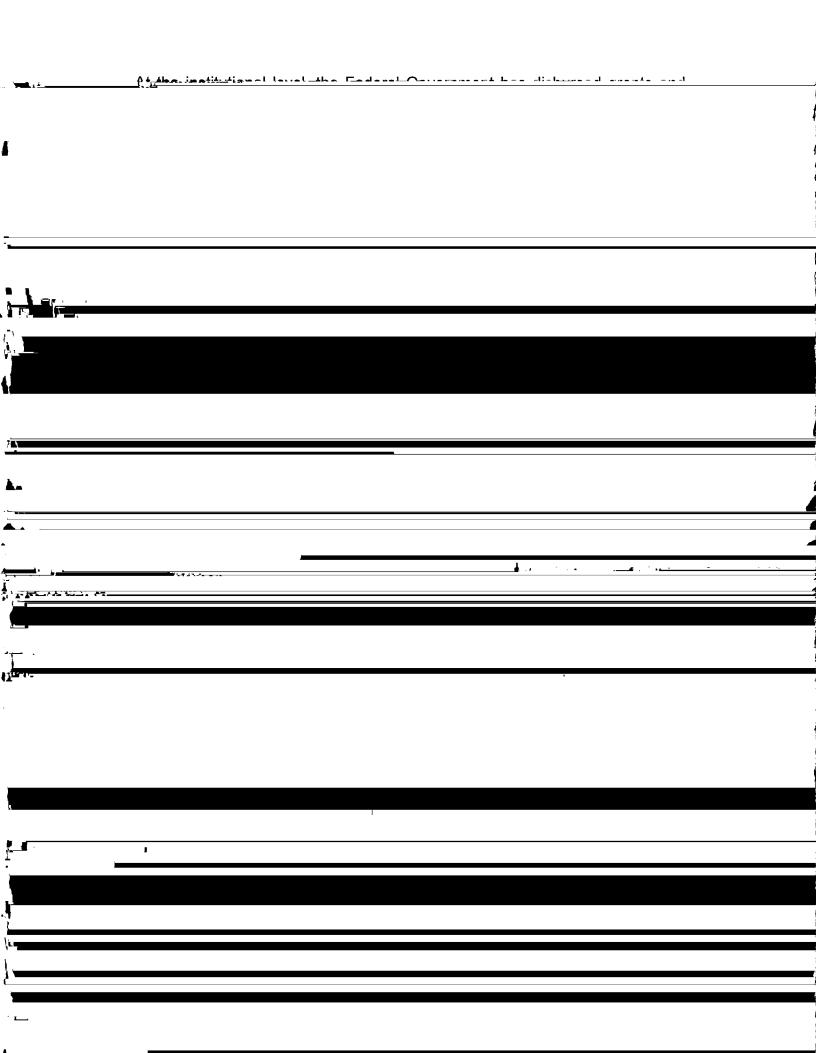
national levels. These include, among others, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Paris Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals Framework, the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa, the ECOWAS Gender Policy and the Nigerian National Gender Policy developed in 2007.

We also note the emerging trends in Nigeria's macro-economic policy

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

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	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