



Pakistan's statement at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the  
Commission on the Status of Women  
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Chairperson

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a privilege for me to be part of this august gathering at the United Nations. At

the outset, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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7. The goal of investing in gender equality and empowerment of women is both a challenge and opportunity for many developing countries. If realized, it could bring about a transformation in the economic, social and political life of not only the womenfolk but the entire communities. The primary responsibility to initiate this change

Three: The Ministry of Women Development has launched a mega project "Gender Reform Action Plan (GRAP)" which is mandated to undertake a coherent gender reform

agenda through phased implementation processes with particular focus on gender mainstreaming. GRAP envisages reforms in the key areas such as political participation of women, Institutional restructuring, employment of women in the public sector, gender responsive policy budgeting and public expenditure mechanism and gender specific