





Mr. Chair,

My delegation is pleased that the current session of the Commission has



The Philippines continues to generate and utilize gender statistics and sex-

will be including questions relating to violence against women in the forthcoming National Demographic and Health Survey.

To complete the loop of planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring, an audit of GAD funds focusing on efficiency and effectiveness of GAD expenditures is currently being worked out by the Commission on Audit as their gender mainstreaming initiative.

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The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness acknowledged that

change further increases women's vulnerability to natural disasters, food shortage and diseases, among others. Armed conflict and terrorism continue to put women and children in precarious situations. We look to the discussions in these fora to come up with innovative approaches on how to address these concerns.

The post-Beijing scenario with its emerging issues requires a stronger and

commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment. The Philippines welcomes the UN reform process and strongly supports the creation of a highly placed and ambitiously funded women-specific entity with normative as well as operational functions. This strong gender architecture should be responsive to the