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In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman
Distinguished delegates,

My delegation would like to congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your election to the chairmanship of the Committee on the Status of Women in its current session. We sincerely hope that the meetings of this session will be crowned with aspired success conducive to the accomplishment of the envisaged goals. Be rest assured of our backing and support. We are confident that the proceedings of this session will bring about more achievements in furtherance of the role of women, empowering them and promoting their conditions in all fields.

By the same token, we wish to extend our thanks to the Secretary General's Advisor on Gender Issues and the Division on the Advancement of Women.

Mr. Chairman,

The Sudan proceeds from a cultural heritage and valuable principles that emphasize justice and gender equality, hold women in high esteem and assert their important role as a basic pillar in the building and renaissance of society. Since the sixties of the last century, women in my country have acquired the right to nomination and voting. Their participation in the present Parliament is at a rate of 18%. Women's empowerment strategy is designed to upgrade that ratio to 25%. Women's right to equal pay for equal work has been insured since the seventies of the past century. They enjoy equal retirement age as men. Hence, their march, gains and participation in all walks of public life have been on the rise. Gap in higher education has been in favor of women. Along the same lines, gap in secondary education has been closed. The bulk of women's gains and achievements have become evident in the last two decades. Their participation in economic life has

United Nations conferences in this regard, our country approved the draft of a national policy on the empowerment of women in March 2007. The policy

Mr Chairman,

Violence against women in my country is almost extinct except in single cases deterred by law and rejected by society. Some adverse effects have emerged in conflict stricken areas. Certain violations of women and children's rights by United Nations Peace Keepers were detected, especially in the South.

Mr. Chairman,

The booming trafficking in and smuggling of children constitute a

serious threat to the slave trade

This is particularly the case since aid flows from donor states are still unpredictable, insufficient and uncharacterized by effectiveness. This makes it necessary to abide by international agreement on the Monterrey Consensus and the principles of the Paris Declaration in carrying out international aid.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation fully realizes the joint responsibility for the preservation of our globe and the role of women as a cardinal element in

grappling with climate change. We have contributed to improving women's conditions in the marginal sector and limiting environmental pollution by reducing dependency on charcoal and biomass in their midst. We are looking forward to the production of environmentally friendly techniques as well as poor women's easy access to them.

In conclusion, we all hope that further efforts will be deployed to usher in a new era characterized by peace, security, equity and justice throughout the world.