



Mr/Madam Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

I am honoured to be speaking here at the 52nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and I would like to commend the Commission on its important work. Sweden aligns itself with the statement made by Slovenia on behalf of the

Mr/Madam Chairperson,

The opportunities for the world's countries to work for gender equality and women's empowerment have never been better.

There have never been so many democracies in the world. Never have so many women been able to voice their opinions or run for political office. Economic development has

sustainable social and economic development and in the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Swedish Government is convinced that we gain a better and more just society when women and men share power and influence in all sectors. In order to achieve gender equality, two strategies are needed.

Firstly, a gender equality perspective must be mainstreamed into all policies and all areas of political decision-making. Sustainable change can only be achieved by long-term strategic work to integrate a gender perspective in policies.

We must measure the effects for women and men, girls and boys, when preparing, ~~evaluating and implementing policies at local, national and global level.~~

Mr/Madam Chairperson,

Investments in gender equality are investments in hope and in the future. Globally, we have a range of legal and policy instruments for the effective promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The moment has come to implement them. It is our responsibility to allocate resources, to set clear targets and to take action. Together, we can make the world a better and more equal place for both women and men to live in. Let us begin today!

Thank you!