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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my delegation, I would like at the onset to join previous speakers in congratulating you and the other members of the Bureau on your election. I wish to assure you of my delegation's full cooperation and support during the deliberations of this session.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by His Excellency Jacqui Quinn- Leandro, the Minister of Labour, Public Administration and Empowerment of Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We also align ourselves with the statement made by Honourable Patricia Mulasikwanda, the

effective participation of women at the negotiating table to ensure that women's

Mr. C chairman,

The United Republic of Tanzania attaches great importance to the contribution of

women in economic development and eradication of poverty through both remunerated and unremunerated labour. In this regard, several measures have been taken, including the formulation of the National Empowerment Policy of 2006, to support economic empowerment of women and men. Women are encouraged to form productive economic groups and to join savings and credit cooperatives. In addition, credit schemes that support women entrepreneurs are in place and several training programmes for women entrepreneurs have been undertaken. Currently,

Mr. Chairman,